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The Saints celebrate! After their 4-0 thrashing of APIA at Parramatta Stadium the St George boys let their hair down . . . and more!
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ALBURY YOUNGSTER FOR PARIS ST GERMAIN

BY ALEX VESIC

DAVID MOWER, the 19 year old goalkeeper from Albury, is to trial with Paris St Germain, the French First Division giant.

Recently he has been keeping goal for the Institute of Sport in Canberra.

His mentor from Albury, Chico Vojnovic, was responsible for his appearance with Albury City at the age of 15.

Mower, still to make the

grade on the local scene, has been dissatisfied with his progress to date.

"Few people would take a chance in Australia with the young and promising players and I suppose that my chances of making the grade with

any of the local NSL sides are limited.

"It is not an encouraging sign for any player of my age, hence my decision to give it a go in Europe, like Mitchell and Krncevic," said the youngster.

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GRAND FINAL, NOW TAIWAN!

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WITH the West End National League grand final successfully behind him, national coach Frank Arok is ready for the first fusillade in the Olympic Games Football Tournament.

The Winfield Socceros leave Australian on Thursday week for the qualifier against Chinese Taipei in Taiwan on Sunday week.

Can the maestro conjure up something extra following a glorious domestic season with his club?

"This is the beginning of a campaign that will require us to overcome both Israel and New Zealand as well as Taiwan. We will be pressing all the way," he said, with an eye to Seoul next September.

The bombshell is

Arok's 15-man selection was the dropping of enforcer Gary McDowall, who still has a British passport.

Also out from the Trans Tasman Trophy squad are Rod Brown (injured), Peter Raskopoulos (withdrawal), Alan Davidson and Alan Hunter.

The selected squad is:
GOALKEEPERS: Jeff Oliver, Mike Gibson, DEFENDERS: Wally Savor, Charlie Yankos, Graham Jennings, Jean-Paul de Marigny, Robbie Dunn, MIDFIELDERS: Paul Wade, Zarko Odzakov,

Oscar Crino, Tom McCulloch, STRIKERS: Frank Farina, Graham Arnold, Andrew Zinni, Scott Ollerenshaw.

It came as no surprise that midfielder Tom McCulloch was restored and that striker Scott Ollerenshaw has won a place.

Robbie Dunn has been carrying an injury but Arok has ruled that he has made the grade.

Perhaps not far down the track 20 year old Pedro Ricoy will make the grade after his marvellous end to the 1987 season.

WOLVES' GREEDY!

BY FRANK COLETTA

WOLLONGONG Wolves are sparing no expense in attempting to become one of the forces of the 1988 National League. A rumour during the week revealed that the steel city side may well acquire the services of former Socceros custodian Terry Greedy.

Greedy it should be remembered has remained number two to Tony Pezzano in the APIA goalkeeper's den during the Leichhardt club's championship triumph this year.

Pezzano's only real lapse in form occurred at the weekend, as Greedy put it "about 20 weeks too late".

With Harry Michaels backing the Wolves' push into the limelight with a total of some \$250,000, Wollongong have already signed the ex-Ipswich star Alan Brazil.

Brazil starred for the Portman Road club in the halcyon days of the late 70s and early 80s when they ran second twice in the English championship and won the UEFA Cup. The 28-year-old is a Scottish international and has taken the field for the likes of Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester United and Queens Park Rangers.

It seems quite likely that 35-year-old Argentinian Ricardo Villa will follow suit and sign in the very near future. Villa, who was in the 1978 World Cup winning squad, and literally won the 1981 FA Cup final for Spurs against Manchester City, is so willing to make the move to Wollongong for a series of matches that he wants to bring his family along.

Also on Michaels' list are that fabulous Frenchman Michel Platini (that would be a coup and a half) and former England hero Kevin Keegan whose stint with Blacktown City Demons was a phenomenal success in 1985.

Says Greedy of the possible move, "I am interested."

"APIA have asked me to re-sign but Harry (Michaels) had a word in my ear at the weekend and I'll be in contact with him to see what's going on."

The shame of season 1987 was that a goalkeeper of Greedy's prowess was left to dwindle in the APIA Youth League side when he is at his prime. The 32-year-old custodian has played second fiddle to Pezzano since his \$4000 move from St George in the off-season.

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NEXT WEEK Don't miss 32 page ASW SPECIAL

The Editor

FIRSTLY, a word about your own newspaper, The Australian Soccer Weekly.

As the only national weekly in Australia, we have tremendous responsibilities which we intend to exercise with even more vigour and insight in 1988.

The game will need to make tremendous progress in the Bicentennial Year.

The Bicentennial Gold Cup and the quest for a place in the Olympic Games Football Tournament will require detailed cover.

The West End National League and the important State Leagues from Queensland through all the way to Western Australia will be followed in depth by our team of leading Soccer writers.

We will continue with our range of regional, overseas, schools, juniors and women's items.

The growing indoor game will provide for its increasing band of enthusiasts.

New features will be introduced and one popular section will come back.

You will again be able to read your favourite columnists. Never has such a wide-ranging group of experts been assembled together in Australia to provide you with a wealth of well-considered opinion.

The 1988 season is starting out on January 24 to accommodate the National League's obligations in the light of international games. ASW will commence publication to match the season.

Due to our nation-wide distribution network, our circulation is making strong increases. In this department we will be carrying out further strengthening early next year.

There is no doubt that Australian Soccer requires national newsgathering, as well as cover on the affairs, matches and latest news from each state and territory.

Although ASW has a matchless team of leading journalists right on the job to inform, entertain and analyse the news, you will be delighted with the improvements that are on the way for next season.

NEXT WEEK we will be presenting the final issue for 1988.

We will review the West End National League clubs and bring you up to date on most facets of the game.

Don't forget to get the last 1987 issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY at your own newsagent.

DESPITE some degree of disappointment over losses to ultimate World Youth champions Yugoslavia and Chile in the World Youth Cup, there is reason for confidence in the future development of outstanding young players in Australia.

Without quoting chapter and verse of statistics, there is no doubt that the select players from the vast numbers playing the game in NSW are coming to the fore.

Overwhelming numbers of high class players are coming through the system now that an improved coaching service is in place.

The National League clubs have many Australian-born and trained players in their ranks.

Recently, we saw one case of a leading Victorian team fielding only one Australian born player in its team, whereas almost every player in the side of its NSW opponent was a local product.

The intention is not to denigrate the clubs of any state.

Nor is it intended to go against the genuine migrant or the few visa players who are allowed.

But the message that Australians must come through the ranks as quality footballers is loud and clear.

It raises the question of how genuine certain clubs are in developing the players who are right on their own doorsteps.

There is great merit in the interstate series conducted at schoolboy, junior and youth levels.

But there are not enough quality players coming through at these levels to fill the ranks of the major clubs.

It has been said, tongue in cheek perhaps but with a deal of truth nevertheless, that the most important coach in a club is the youth coach.

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AWARDS, LIONS AND MARSTON

IT'S been the time for the big evenings with the Rothman's Medal award in Melbourne, the NSW Soccer Press awards in Sydney and then our own APIA presentation night on Friday.

At the Hyatt on Collins, there was absolute luxury - but not enough players in evidence.

At APIA, as this year's champions, our own players selected Tony Pezzano as our Player of the Year.

Yet Tony didn't even rate in the Rothman's Award which is on the re-

Rothman's Medal is the nicer the player is to the referee, the better he can do.

When Bobby Russell won in 1986 he got the shock of his life.

This year's winner, Andrew Zinni, is the type of personality Soccer needs. He has a fine intellect and is a developing

**CHAMPION
COACH
RALE
RASIC
WRITES...**



Triumphant National Rothman's Medalist Andrew Zinni (centre), pictured with the great Joe Marston (right) and Rothman's Victorian Manager, John O'Brien.

The game of Soccer certainly needs more promotion, but NSW President John Constantine got it right when he said there are too many awards.

I applauded him for his forthright admission at the ASPA night that things have to change because people cannot simply go around like politicians looking for votes.

feres' selection. How they assess players as they control the game is beyond me.

In NSW Steve O'Connor of St George was a fine winner, but at APIA, players like Rod Brown, Arno Bertogna, Terry Butler and Peter Tredennick could well have split the vote.

The trouble with the

player.

Zinni admitted he had a bad season, and that his club had gone badly also.

I find it hard to see how a striker from the lowest scoring club, and one who scored four goals in the season, can win a top award.

Goals aren't the only assessment of performance, Graham Arnold demonstrates that. But where do Rod Brown and Frank Farina stand?

Andrew Zinni was deservedly excited and I am

I thought the award nights had lost a bit of their old fire. More players please.

APIA's night was packed, with the crowd in the huge auditorium flowing over into the nearby restaurant.

The choice of David Fordham as compere was a winner. David is a real professional, a character who made the night. He loves Soccer even though he is involved in rugby league.

My mind went back to the Bunny Curran Testimonial with David doing the studio interviews.

It was great to see Joe Prestia being made a life-member of APIA club and Harry Ambrose recognised as Supporter Of The Year.

And one thing that was simply tremendous was to see Joe Marston recognised for his services to the game at the Rothman's night.

The person who arranged it is to be congratulated.

LIONS

THE Brisbane Lions hammered ambitious Adelaide Hellas to win an NSL place.

Now they have so many problems with players heading out to Scotland and England for holidays. No wonder Gordon Arrowsmith wants to stand down!

Who employs who?

It took APIA five days short of a year from the time we started training to the grand final.

The season is too long - it needs shortening to eight months and 30 matches, although internationals must be prepared to play right through. Time is needed with families.

To those Brisbane Lions players who are off, consider shortening your holidays because Brisbane needs you.

The club management must put its act together too.

I would love to see them representing Brisbane at Perry Park.

Richlands is a great facility for general use, but the club representing the State of Queensland should be at headquarters.

Adelaide City which now is popular with many Greeks, has gone on to represent Adelaide and South Australia, and we need Perth also.

But Brisbane's itinerant players, get your priorities right.

JURIN'S SUCCESS

ZELJKO JURIN, the brilliant ex-Sydney Croatia winger, ultimately found his place in the sun.

He has been appearing on the left wing for Yugoslav First Division side Rijeka.

The loss of Jurin and the failure of Ivan Petkovic to arrive certainly created problems for the classy Sydney outfit.



The despondent APIA players accept commiserations and mementos following Sunday's defeat.

not out to criticise him or Bobby Russell.

But the expensive night at the Hyatt should be more for the players, and also for the media as publicity is vital to promote the players.

Back to Steve O'Connor's NSW win - I congratulate him but someone must have been overlooked if he won by such a wide margin.

The career of this boy raised in Leichhardt was recaptured with some brilliant pieces.

He went on to play in the English FA Cup final, play for Leichhardt-Annandale and APIA and to coach clubs such as Western Suburbs.

It's a pity that more people today don't know this wonderful personality.

FROM PAGE 1

David Mower was voted the best player of the tournament in Holland during an AIS visit to the country. It was then that he was noticed by the French and Dutch scouts.

He was subsequently invited to trial with St Germain but he declined, assuming that his future is in Australia.

It took another twelve months for this promising lad to find out too many club scouts in Australia

are hell bent on scouting overseas rather than looking for the local product.

"If I make the grade overseas I suppose that some clubs in Australia would make an effort to start scouting around the country side anticipating the talent of Krncevic, Kalantzis or Mitchell and if you like David Mower," he said last week.

He is about to join Chicco Vojnovic for two weeks of intensive training before leaving our

shores for the dizzy heights of French First Division football.

His first club on the European trail will be Paris St Germain and his second, which has been organised by Vojnovic, will be at Bordeaux.

The coach of Bordeaux is Ante Mladinic, an ex-Yugoslav national coach and an old acquaintance of Vojnovic.

Good luck David, may the leap of a kangaroo and the speed of an emu be with you.



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ANDREW ZINNI (centre) proudly shows off his winners' medal to fellow Brunswick Juventus players and officials. Photo Les Shorrock.

MELBOURNE PLAYERS DOMINANT

National Rothmans Medal

BY LES SHORROCK

NOT only was Andrew Zinni a surprise winner of the third NSL Rothman's Medal last week, but Melbourne players dominated the voting, filling the top five places.

Zinni won with 27 referees' votes from Paul Wade of South Melbourne (26), Paul Trimboli of George Cross (24), Josip Biskic of Melbourne Croatia (19) and Steve Blair of South Melbourne (19).

Striker Rod Brown of champion APIA-Leichhardt was sixth with 17 votes, while Robbie Slater of Sydney Croatia, who was strongly fancied, fared poorly, picking up only 16 votes.

Even more remarkably, some of Zinni's Socceroo teammates polled extremely poorly. Oscar Crino for example, for all that most critics consider him one of the most cultured players in the game, won only six votes as did the equally talented Zarko Odzakovic.

And Peter Raskopoulos, who played alongside Crino and Odzakovic in the Seoul President's Cup, mustered only a paltry three votes.

The Socceroo main strikers Graham Arnold and the flying Frank Farina garnered only nine votes each, and that despite the fact that Farina topped the League goalscorers with 16 goals!

Maybe it's a blessing that Socceroo team selection is in the hands of Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson - the mind boggles at the prospect of a team based on referees' votes.

Zinni said he was completely taken aback by winning because he felt he had not had a good season, scoring only four of Juventus' 18 goals in the campaign.

But he probably caught the referees' eyes with his blinding speed as much as anything else.

As he proved in the invitation sprint on Beach Fashions Cup final day, he is the fastest player in the League, and it is no surprise to learn that whilst at Christian Brothers College he set an Associated Catholic Colleges record for 110 metre hurdles.

Zinni graduated to Juventus from Port Mel-

bourne juniors after captaining the Victorian Under 16 team on its New Zealand tour in 1981.

He played in Juve's championship team last year, scoring eight goals and has been an ever-present this year.

He forced his way into the Socceroo squad late last season, and scored the winning goal against New Zealand in the Trans-Tasman Cup triumph that year.

This year he has taken over the Socceroo striking role vacated by Chris Kalantzis who went to Greece, scoring against the Kiwis again in Melbourne.

That Port Melbourne class of '81 has certainly made its mark in Victorian soccer.

Zinni's close mates Mehmet Durakovic and Joe Palatsides went with him to Juventus where they still play together, and another in Mike Petersen also played at Juventus until he went to Ajax Amsterdam of Holland.

And a fifth member of that Port Melbourne team, Aki Kotzamichalis went to Melbourne Croatia before becoming a member of Polonia's State League champion side this season.

All five players pay tribute to their former coach, ex-Socceroo Hans Petersen, father of Mike, who coached them at Port from Under 13 level.

At Fairy Meadow Italia

Larry and Natch Show

FORMER Wollongong City players Larry Gaffney and Natch Vardareff will guide the destiny of State Second Division club Fairy

APIA'S NIGHT OF NIGHTS

PLAYERS each received a beautiful wrist watch when they gathered on the stage at Apia Club on Friday for the Championship Presentation Night.

But it wasn't the players only who were recognised. Soccer club president Joe Prestia received a life membership, and the extremely capable administrator Harry Ambrose was honoured as Supporter Of The Year.

Meadow Italia next season.

After Gaffney recently signed up for a second season as coach, officials moved to take on Vardareff as his assistance or reserve grade coach.

Vardareff takes over from Barney King, who has become coach at Shellharbour.

A goalkeeper, Vardareff in the same Wollongong City team as Gaffney for three seasons.



JIM PATIKAS (his mum is a winner too!)

He made his coaching debut with Illawarra Pelister last season but left the club in controversial circumstances midway through the competition.

Gaffney said he is sure he and Vardareff will work well together.

"After finishing second this season with a very limited senior squad I am confident we can win promotion to State League," Gaffney said.

"There is no doubt Polonia were the class performers this year but it will be different now.

"Our main rivals for promotion will be Kingsford and they might not have as much money to splash around as they did this year."

At Fairy Meadow's annual ball, president Frank Saladino confirmed he will not seek re-election at the annual meeting.

After 21 years with the club he will be content to fill the role of team manager. A new executive will take over after the AGM.

Meadow's player of the year is fullback Jamie Dummett who missed

several games because of a nagging knee injury.

On receiving his award, Dummett said he will definitely be staying with the club in 1988.

Barney King took out the trophy for leading goalscorer, Darren Gallway was judged best defender and high school striker John Danzo the Rookie of the Year.

PATIKAS' MUM SCORES MAZDA

FORMER SOCCEROO Jimmy Patikas, now with AEK Athens, has a mum Maria that also knows how to score.

At halftime in last Sunday's grand final at the Parramatta Stadium, Mr Colin Dawes, managing director of West End Mazda (no relationship to West End Breweries), drew out of a barrel the winning envelope for the \$15,000 red Mazda motor car.

And Mrs Maria Patikas of Ashfield was the scorer.

Mrs Patikas was not at the Parramatta Stadium for the draw.

But as soon as the winner was announced Australian Soccer Weekly immediately rang the Patikas home.

Mrs Patikas had gone out to visit some relatives and was going to watch the delayed telecast on SBS-TV.

Jimmy's young sister, Joanne answered the telephone call and was highly excited.

Joanne immediately rang her mother where she was to tell her she had won car.

Mrs Patikas couldn't believe her luck and had to wait for the delayed telecast as SBS's Andrew Paschalidis read her name out on camera.

Mrs Patikas said: "I was so very happy. We thank West End Mazda and SBS-TV for this wonderful prize."

During the season, Mrs Patikas and young Joanne sent in weekly entries to SBS and they had won a West End sports bag plus a drink ice-box.

— JOHN ECONOMOS



BURIM ZAJMI

Title of "most relieved player" might have gone to Burim Zajmi, whose knee trouble has been diagnosed as needing rest rather than an operation.

Quietest player was Hilton Phillips, a man who incidentally had one of his three years with Fulham in the first team.



HILTON PHILLIPS

Guests at the dinner flowed over from the huge auditorium into the adjacent restaurant.

The whole team was given a vote of confidence on stage.

The Players' Player of the Year went to the popular Tony Pezzano.

Doing the honours on the day was NSW Police Minister George Pacuillo.

BRIAN BROWN VOTED IN AT JUVE

BRIAN BROWN has been voted the Best and Fairest player for 1987 at Brunswick Juventus.

Other awards went to Robert Cullen (best clubman), Fabio Incantalupo (most improved) and Pat Marama (best U21 player).

A special award was presented to John Yzen-doorn on his retirement after 15 years at top level.



ANDREW ZINNI displays the coveted Rothman's Medal to our photographer Les Shorrock.

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

GOMEZ REVEALS HE ALMOST ASKED FOR A TRANSFER

The Sydney Morning Herald's chief Soccer writer RAY GATT looks at Marconi's explosive GERRY GOMEZ and why he wanted to leave the Fairfield club

MARCONI's effervescent, jack of all trades Gerry Gomez admitted last week that he was on the verge of asking the club for a transfer because of his early season lack of form.

Gomez said that, up until the mid-season break in the competition, he had been frustrated and depressed with the way things had worked out at Marconi.

The tall defender-midfielder was one of the Marconi's big signings when he transferred from the now-defunct Sydney City at the end of last season.

Fortunately, thanks to a back-to-basics formula, Gomez recaptured — during the latter part of this season — the form which had made him one of the League's most sought after players.

"I was not happy and Roberto (Vieri, the Marconi coach) was not happy," the happy-go-lucky Costa Rican said of his early problems.

"Everything was going wrong for me. I was frustrated to the point of telling the club I would accept a transfer if things did not get better quickly.

"I had injuries and I was not enjoying playing as a centre-back.

"The position did not suit me. I got bored with it because I had to mark up all the time instead of going forward.

"The problem was that I was not doing what I did best — tackling hard, working off the ball and getting into the box."

Fortunately, the break came at the ideal time for the affable Gomez.



GERRY GOMEZ in his vintage Sydney City days, beats Sydney Croatia's VEDRAN ROZIC to the ball.

He sought advice from a long-time friend and then had a serious heart to heart talk with Vieri.

Gomez said: "My friend told me to stick to the basics, to do what came naturally to me and everything would fall back into place.

"I then spoke to Roberto. He was good about it all. He simply said 'ok, let's just play Soccer'."

Since the break Gomez, who alternated between midfield and full-

back, reached top form and was one of Marconi's best players in the race to the finals and during them.

Gomez said: "I really started to feel good again when we were unlucky

beaten by Sydney Croatia in the last game of the first round.

"I think it had a lot to do with Robbie allowing me more freedom to move around the park and to get into the box more.

"Since then I have enjoyed my game more."

Understandly, things are much rosier at Marconi.

"I am happy with the club and they have really looked after me," he said.

Gomez, who has another year of his contract to go, is hopeful that his form has been good enough to impress Socceroo coach Frank Arok.

"When things were going bad earlier in the season I was upset because I considered it was not helping my hopes of getting back into the Australian team," he said.

"That is something I have my heart set on again.

"I've enjoyed the few times I have played for the Soccerroos. It has given me a taste of international football and I want to be a part of it again.

"Hopefully, Frank has not forgotten me."



GERRY in early City days.

JIM SHOULDER BACK ON JOB

BY GRAHAM COOKE

FORMER Socceroo coach Jimmy Shoulder is back in Canberra after an extended holiday in Europe.

Shoulder resigned after five years as head Soccer coach of the Australian Institute of Sport last December to spend time with the English branch of his family and to watch and enjoy sport.

He has taken a job with The Prudential Assurance Company and is now involved in "learning the business from the ground floor".

Shoulder, who also took the Young Socceroo team to the 1985 World Championships, is keeping his options open on a possible return to coaching.

"If it can be fitted into my present work, I would consider any offers," he said.

With his vast experience and past record of competence, those offers will not be long in coming.

Alan Vests comments on...

TONY WAITERS' AUSSIE VISIT

TONY WAITERS, who was in charge of the Canadian National Team at the last World Cup in Mexico, will be in Australia on a coaching tour for about a month.

He did a remarkable job getting the team there with the majority of his players only playing in the Indoor League in America.

Prior to that he was head coach then general

manager of Vancouver Whitecaps in the American National League.

He is one of the best qualified coaches ever to come to Australia, being a FIFA 'A' coach as well as an English FA Coach.

As well he majored in Physical Education at Loughborough College and is a graduate of the British Institute of Personnel Management.

But it is his playing and coaching/managing experience in the UK which complements all his formal qualifications.

He played over 300 first division games for Blackpool, represented England and the English League over ten times, was manager/coach of Liverpool F.C Youth team and manager of second division Plymouth Argyle.

So he brings with him a wealth of experience at all levels of the game, and it is certainly well worth all coaches interested in the game having a look.

He is going to be working at the AIS on the level

4 course, as well as in Tasmania, Victoria and in N.S.W.

The tour is supported jointly by the National Sport Division of the Rothmans Foundation and the Australian Institute of Sport.

His programme in N.S.W is Thursday 12th November at Valentine Park commencing at 7pm, at Austral Park Newcastle on Friday 13th and all Saturday 14th November at Plum Park Lisarow on the Central Coast.

A COMMENT PIECE

RAY GATT of the Sydney Morning Herald has his say on the recent crowd trouble at St George Stadium.

ONCE again a group of mindless morons more intent on their political leanings than their interest in football have helped to drag Australian Soccer through the mud.

The inexcusable crowd disturbance at the Preston-St George match at the St George Stadium two weeks ago involving some members of the Macedonian community just goes to show that the code is still very much a long way from solving such problems.

Rarely does a local Soccer season go by without some form of crowd trouble. The cutting files of the major newspapers are littered with such occurrences.

It has reached the stage where the only time Soccer gets on the front pages of the newspapers is when there is a riot.

It is about time an end was put to it all.

As much as it pains me to say so, the game in Australia must be de-ethnicised. We have to get our own identity.

The solution is a tough one, but one our administrators must stand and be counted on. They have to show they have the spine to make the tough decisions.

It may not be the total answer but, it would surely go part of the way to defusing the problem which has hit Soccer like a cancer.

Of course, such a solution, which has often been mooted in the past, would enrage many people involved in the sport.

It is a controversial subject which invariably raises passionate arguments from both sides of the fence.

Let me stay that I am from an ethnic background and I realise that it is only a handful of idiots causing problems. But, we must get the game here Australianised or forever watch our great code go down the drain in this country.

Really, there is no comeback for the pro-ethnic base. The facts are there for all to see.

Crowd disturbances at local Soccer matches over the years have only ever involved groups of supporters from ethnic backgrounds.

Every time the question is raised there are howls of protests from the various groups eager to protect their cultural identity.

"That's it, blame the ethnics," or "why blame us?" is the usual catch-cry.

Well, who do we blame? Some secret society intent on damaging the game's image.

No, the buckpassing stops here and now.

It's not just some members of the Macedonian community that are at fault. People from other backgrounds are as much to blame.

The pity is that there is such a small minority within each ethnic base, probably no more than about 20 to 40, which is tarnishing the name of Australian Soccer and the image of their community.

The sooner these idiots are weeded out, the better.

LYNDALE PENINSULA WIN

LYNDALE Under 15s demonstrated great discipline and Soccer understanding by finishing first and champion of the Peninsula Region, going through this competition without being defeated.

A magnificent performance by goalkeeper Bradley Seeley in the final game saw him save three penalties.

Due to this terrific display of Soccer the regional coach selected four players out of this team. They were David Dickson, skilfull and a great reader of the game, Daryl Bilic with a magnificent control of the midfield, John Whiteside, alias "The Three Carburetor Kid," whose running, chasing, marking and scoring is lovely to watch.

Zarko played for Victoria Under 14 and has a good future. Corie was selected captain of the year.

All this happened thanks to the president of the club, Mr Stand Bilic, and the co-operation of the manager, Mr Seeley.

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Sydney Olympic's youngsters hold the National Youth League trophy aloft after victory over Sunshine George Cross. Photo — Modern Studios.

NSL Youth Grand Final

OLYMPIC COMPLETES HAT TRICK

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

SYDNEY Olympic supporters once again celebrated at the weekend after their youth side completed the treble by defeating Sunshine 1-0 in the Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium.

Olympic had clinched the Northern Division championship undefeated, then downed APIA 1-0 in the northern final and last Sunday Jason Bennett's 43rd minute goal wrapped up the hat-trick.

Both sides struggled to come to grips with the surface and the heat. But Olympic settled down the earliest and never looked back.

Sunshine included Paul Trimboli and John Markovski in their line-up with little effect. Markovski was perhaps George Cross's best player but lacked support and Trimboli failed to repeat his sensational performance of last season for AIS against Blacktown when he took the defence apart.

On Olympic's side of

the coin they had the ball in the net four times but only Bennett's strike prior to the break counted.

Abbas Saad netted in the 13th but was adjudged offside. He repeated the dose in the 34th minute but fouled the keeper on the way and Bennett in the second half scored but had used his hand in the process.

Marshall Soper was always a menace to George Cross and although he wasted many opportunities his presence allowed Olympic to get on top, especially in the second half.

John Campelj was given the marking job on Soper and on the day was Sunshine's best defender. But he was booked after only five minutes following a backplay incident with Soper.

Barrett saved Olympic on two occasions with solid tackles as the Sunshine attack moved into gear in the 20th and 21st minutes.

Two minutes later Trimboli went closest in the match to date with an angled shot that ripped into the side netting.

Olympic began to roll

towards the end of the half but their best move in the 35th minute came to grief with Soper caught offside.

Pontidas slung over a good cross from a free kick in the 41st minute but Barrett with a free header nodded over the top from six metres.

With two minutes to go until the break Saad picked up a loose ball in midfield and sent Refenes away on the left flank. The winger beat his marker and crossed to the near post to the unmarked Bennett who cracked the ball into the roof of the net from close range.

In the second half Olympic took more control but failed to increase their lead. Soper was the main problem as he missed three chances in five minutes.

Saad looked set to put the match beyond Sunshine but his well placed shot was splendidly saved by Kastner in the 65th minute.

With still 19 minutes remaining Sunshine had their best chance to equalise when Trimboli broke free. But as Londos advanced Trimboli put his chip over the bar.

At the other end Ben-

nett was put through with just Kastner to beat but his shot was pushed over the bar by Kastner in the 72nd minute. A minute later Pontidas crossed for Barrett, but the fullback's header was turned on to the bar once again by Kastner.

Inside the final 10 minutes Sunshine applied the pressure. A deep cross from Kyriazopoulos almost caught Londos at the far post but the ball fell just wide. With four minutes to go Markovski latched on to a cross from Hasler but his drive was well saved by Londos.

Olympic held on with the narrowest of margins to complete their most successful season.

They went through every match undefeated, dropping only one point, a record even more impressive than the 1986 AIS side who also claimed every trophy.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Londos, Barrett, Hrist, Platanotis, Briggs, Saad, Pontidas, Bennett, Chilas (Genaris), Refenes (Harper), Soper.

SUNSHINE GC: Kastner, Marth, Campelj, T Markovski, Alevisos, J Markovski, Kyriazopoulos, Falxon (Maticevski), Bozinovski (Paz), Trimboli, Hasler

PRESTON'S LIGHT SNUFFED

VICTORIA'S last chance of grabbing some glory from what has been a bleak season went west on Wednesday night as Apia-Leichhardt goalkeeper Tony Pezzano outshone Preston's custodian Phil Trianides in the penalty shoot-out.

Until the extra time drama and the penalties, it had been a pretty dull affair, with the Apia defence, boosted by the return of Mark Brown, proving an insuperable barrier that frustrated Preston time and time again.

Apia striker Hilton Phillips bombed enough chances to win the match several times over, and when he did get on target

BY LES SHORROCK

he found Trianides in superb form.

Apia teenage Tony Parison, who showed great dash when he came on as a substitute here against Juventus, had an outstanding game when he replaced the injured Burin Zajmi in the 37th minute.

But he too should have ended proceedings in the 88th minute when he was foiled at point blank range by Trianides.

Preston's first worthwhile shot came in the second minute of extra time, when Pezzano saved from Goce Dimovski, and two minutes later he saved again in brilliant fashion from the same player.

So it was down to penalties, which is only a slighter better way of deciding a

game than the flip of a coin.

The turning point in the shoot-out came with the score 2-1 in Apia's favour.

Pezzano dived the wrong way for Steve Jackson's rather timid attempt, but was fortunate enough to have left his legs in the way for a save.

Then, after Apia had converted successfully, Pezzano guessed right and saved from Zoran Ilioski and the ball game was over.

PRESTON: Trianides, McLennan, Jackson, Piculovski, Petrov (Opasinis 62m), Ilioski, Stewart, Dimovski, Slifkas, Gojevic (Roodhouse 78m), Smith.

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Pezzano, Yankos, Bertogna, Brown, Bundalo (Bozanic 80m), Tredinnick, Zajmi (Parison 37m), Butler, Phillips, Ward, Katholos.

Referee: D. Campbell. Crowd: 2700.



Top: Apia coach Rale Rasic is interviewed after the grand final by SBS TV's Andrew Paschalidis. Waiting for their turn are St George coach Frank Arok (Centre) and Andy Koczka.

Below: Arok is hoisted up by St George squad member Alex Lampropoulos and Koczka after the triumph. Photo — Modern Studios.

ST GEORGE FUTURE

AFTER Sunday's final at Parramatta Stadium it was certain that Saints'

sweeper Steve O'Connor would be saddling up for yet another year.

Not that there should have been any doubt, because this year one of the toughest players in the NSL had transformed into one of the most skilful of defenders.

Saints' fans however were interested in the future of 20 year old Pedro Ricoy.

Not a renowned scorer, he netted a pearl of a goal in the grand final and was one of the best runners on the field in the intense heat.

Nuggety in build, he

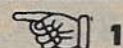
only has to keep going in his present direction and he will be pressing for international honours.

There is no doubt that David Green has matured tremendously since coming from Wollongong City, and he is just one of a bunch of players to carry the club into the future.

Andy Koczka made a strange statement to the Sunday press.

He claimed that if Saints did not win the grand final he would be lost to rugby league.

Maybe Andy was speaking tongue in cheek. He may have had a premonition over the outcome.



1 He duly kept up the pressure all year but didn't get a start nor a solitary run in the first team, he doesn't deserve that sort of treatment.

"They (Wollongong) seem to be really serious about making a big impression on their first year back in the NSL," says the man who finished on the losing grand final side in both the Youth League and first grade. "As for travel, it's quite convenient actually, about the same as it takes to get to Apia's training — about half an hour because they train just near the Bulli Pass."

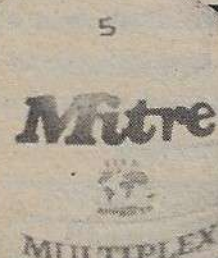
In other goalkeeping news ... Melita Eagle's Kiwi international is the subject of offers from Marconi and Sydney Olympic, with Eddie Thomson very keen to get him on the Olympic playing staff.

Wollongong has also sent out tentative feelers for the All White number one, just in case the Greedy deal doesn't come off.

Meantime a source close to the Apia club has revealed just why the champions were so lethargic against St. George in the grand final at the Parramatta Stadium.

Following the 4-0 hiding ASW was told: "The blame for Apia's tiredness does not just rest with the scheduling of three games in eight days but also the players themselves. They not only had to endure the games against Saints (twice) and Preston (which went into extra-time and penalties on Wednesday night) but also two dinner parties in two nights!"

"Everyone knows about the lavish function which was put on at the Apia club on Friday night where 650 packed out the main auditorium, but not everyone is aware that the night before the players went to another private dinner party. Put all these factors together and you have a team that had to be tired on the Sunday."



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SEARING SAINTS CRUSH APIA

ST GEORGE took out the 1987 West End NSL Grand Final, crushing Apia-Leichhardt 4-0 with an exhibition of searing soccer to match the scorching temperatures at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday.

Three goals in the first session completely killed of any chance Apia had of getting back into the game as the much younger St George ripped Rale Rasic's defence apart.

Saints played at such a hectic pace in the first half fans expected them to crumble in the heat after halftime.

But not so. Despite the four goals, Saints could easily have had another three after hitting the post and crossbar.

Saints midfield, well led by skipper Andy Kozcka and flanked by Pedro Ricoy and Alan Pottier, ran themselves into the ground in the cauldron conditions.

Giant sweeper and ASPA Player of the Year Steve O'Connor looked majestically ice-cool in the heat as he marshalled

By JOHN ECONOMOS

his fellow defenders Michael O'Shea and David Green with clinical efficiency.

The excellent New Zealand target man Kevin Hagan opened Saints account in the 20th minute.

Hagan after receiving a Ricoy cutback ball from the left touchline, crashed a rocketing 20m screamer high into the right corner of the Apia net leaving goalkeeper Tony Pezzano hopelessly airborne.

The 42nd minute saw Saints go 2-0 up when the former World Cup centreback O'Connor punched a short free-kick to teenage striker Scott Ollerenshaw.

Ollerenshaw darted around fullback Mark Brown to smash home a close range drive which cannoned off the left post and into the net.

A minute before the break, roving midfielder Ricoy blasted Saints to a 3-0 lead.

Ricoy scooted down the right flank from a Green throw-in, veered into the box and from an acute angle found the far right corner with his shot.

One expected Apia to come out after the break

with revised tactics and energy, but it was not to be. The Saints continued to press forward, stretching Apia's usual airtight defence with sustained attacks down both flanks.

Strikers Peter Petkovski, Ollerenshaw and midfielder Ricoy constantly stormed down the line to harass the Apia rear-guard.

Three minutes after the break Apia midfielder Peter Katholos tried his luck with a low 20m drive from the left only to see Saints keeper Mike Gibson scoop up the ball at the near post.

But St George, underdogs before the match, had the champions down and were not about to let Apia up.

Pressure continued to be applied as Ricoy in the 68th minute saw his flashing 12m drive from the right scream just over the crossbar.

With Katholos replaced by Vic Bozanic, Apia's centre-back and skipper Arno Bertogna was switched up front with Bozanic slotting into a sweeper's role.



Hail the Saints! The St George side, from left: Graeme Fletcher, Zoran Ilic, David Green, Mike O'Shea, Peter Petkovski, Pedro Ricoy and Alan Pottier, gather around trophy holding coach Frank Arok. Photo Modern Studio

From a throw-in on the right the tall Hagan rolled the scoreboard over for the fourth time, crashing in a lethal left-footed effort from 15m.

Frank Arok, obviously pleased with Hagan's personal goal tally of two, replaced him seven minutes from fulltime turning loose a fresh striker in teenager, Zoran Ilic.

Two minutes after coming on, Ilic came close to scoring.

Breaking well clear on the far right flank, Ilic

veered into the box but failed to chip the well advanced Pezzano.

Sixty seconds later, intelligent left midfielder Pottier watched in dismay as his powerful 15m drive from the right crashed on to the crossbar.

All the Saints stood tall in a merciless display, but special mention must be made of Hagan, Ricoy, Kozcka, O'Connor, O'Shea and Pottier for their unrelenting work-rate.

From a disappointing

Apia side that looked jaded, midfielder Peter Tredinnick who dropped back to left-back, Terry Butler, Hilton Phillips and Alex Bundalo were the pick.

Said APIA coach Rasic: "Three days rest after our 120 minutes in the preliminary final against Preston was just not enough under a semi-professional situation."

But an elated Arok said: "Team spirit, superior skills and tactics won it for us. They had no chance at all."

Kozcka, Saints midfield giant, added: "This Grand Final win means everything to me - it makes my 18 years in Soccer all worthwhile. Our attitude gave us a definite edge over Apia."

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Green, O'Connor, O'Shea: Ricoy, Kozcka, Pottier: Ollerenshaw, Hagan (Ilic 83rd), Petkovski (Fletcher 62nd).

APIA: Pezzano: M.Brown, Bertogna, Yankos, Tredinnick: Butler, Katholos (Bozanic 53rd), Bundalo: Phillips, Brown, Ward (Parsion 46th).

Referee: R.Lorenc. **Crowd:** 6,961.

Yellow Cards: Pezzano, Bertogna, M.Brown, Petkovski.

Southern Division Youth League Grand Final.

SPECTACULAR GEORGIE

SUPER-CHARGED Sunshine George Cross steam-rolled its way to a second successive Southern Division Youth League title last Wednesday night when it defeated Brunswick Juventus 3-1 in the grand final.

A crowd of around 400 turned out to the John Cain Reserve to see the final, beckoning the question as to why the NSL did not play the match as the curtainraiser to the senior preliminary final played on the same night at Olympic Park.

The game itself was as spectacular as any senior game with one super goal from John Markovski the highlight of the evening.

Determination and courage by the Juventus team wasn't enough to see it through against the poise, polish and experience of the mighty George Cross team.

George Cross coach John Webb fielded some five experienced first teamers in his first XI and a further six were left on the bench.

Webb's team fairly bristled with talent and from the outset were red hot grand final favourites.

With the likes of veteran Lou Kastner, Andrew Marth, John Campvelj, John Trimboli and big John Markovski in the lineup, the situation could hardly have been otherwise.

In contrast, Juventus fielded only one established player in Fabio In-

BY GREG BLAKE

cantalupo and it was to their credit that Juve managed as well as they did.

The dominant players early were Markovski and Incantalupo with their experience clearly giving them an advantage.

But for all the good play of George Cross, the Juventus defence held tight with Paul Della Rocca and Gino Falcone outstanding during this testing period.

In fact, the first clear chance fell to Juventus and that breakthrough encouraged the underdogs enormously.

Ten minutes prior to halftime, the domination of George Cross in general play began to pay dividends when twice they were unlucky not to take the lead.

Gary Hasler drilled a booming drive past Juventus keeper John Kyrgios and into the net only to find the goal disallowed for offside. On the stroke of halftime, Trimboli glanced a header inches wide to show the cracks were starting to appear in the Juventus defence.

The second half was just 60 seconds old when George Cross took the lead with Andrew Marts' driving run and delightful in-swinging cross, setting up Trimboli for a far post header which broke the deadlock.

Incantalupo showed every inch of his class minutes later with a swer-

ving, jinking run past three defenders only to put his final effort wide of the post.

The goal that killed off all remaining hopes for Juve came on the hour and it was enough to knock the stuffing from any team.

Alex Kyriazopoulos took a George Cross corner which floated in and was cleared only as far as John Markovski.

Markovski sized up the waist high clearance and in a flash turned and hammered a magnificent shot which rocketed into the Juventus net.

Juventus pushed caution to the wind in the late stages and was rewarded four minutes from time when Tony Palleschi slipped in a cross from the left which bobbed across the area before Gino Falcone slipped the ball home.

Two minutes later, George Cross reclaimed its two goal advantage when substituted Athan Zacharias and Markovski combined to set up Mark Lennon for a header to make it 3-1.

George Cross coach John Webb praised both his team for its outstanding effort all year, and the club for its encouragement in bleeding junior players at senior level throughout the year.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Kaster, Alevizos, Marth, Campbell, T Markovski, Kyriazopoulos, J Markovski, Falzon (Lennon 69), Hasler, Bozinovski (Zacharias 69), Trimboli.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Kyrgios, Kapollitsas, Carraro, Della Rocca, Falcone, De Amicis, Borin, Montemurro (F Palleschi 66), Incantalupo, T Palleschi, Martinucci. **Referee:** Stan Blalock.

APIA'S championship winning skipper and centreback Arno Bertogna slumped back on a bench in the Parramatta Stadium dressing rooms completely shattered.

The powerful blond defender, physically exhausted and dehydrated from the heat, had just finished 90 minutes of grand final football ... empty handed.

He was reeling from the 4-0 loss to underdogs St George.

The room was jammed with media, consoling supporters and officials as he reflected on the solemn scene.

Players drifted across the room heading for the showers.

The captain would wait. Bottles of unopened champagne stood in a corner of the room.

Bandages, laces and strappings littered the floor.

The atmosphere reeked of sweat.

An Apia supporter approached with an open can of the amber fluid, offering it to the Apia captain.

Bertogna calmly waved him away.

"We were complete-

ly outclassed today out there," he said.

"We have no excuses at all.



ARNO BERTOGNA

"Our preliminary final against Preston was sluggish and it drained much of our energy.

"Saints kept coming at us and we just couldn't hold them.

"It was their day today. "Tomorrow it could be ours again."

Steam began to drift across the dressing rooms from the showers bringing relief to aching limbs.

Bertogna continued: "You must give credit where it's due," he said, "and credit they deserve.

"They were far more mobile than us for the entire game.

ARNO'S LAMENT

"You saw it out there. "They were much faster to the ball than us.

"St George raised themselves on this occasion and you cannot take it away from them.

"We just have to be men enough to take this loss.

"Again I say give credit where it's due and that is to St George."

Such blunt honesty has

made Arno Bertogna one of the most popular captains in the National Soccer League.

The curtain has come down on the 1987 season as players begin to drift out of the dressing rooms for a well earned rest during the off-season with their families.

But come early January and they'll be back.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

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Melbourne Croatia's **ROBBIE DUNN** flies high against Brunswick Juventus. Pic — Les Shorrock.



Melbourne Croatia's **IAN WALLACE** is carried from the field by teammates Branko Milosevic and Paul Lewis after tragically breaking his leg in the Dockerty Cup clash with Brunswick Juventus. Photo — Les Shorrock.

BRUNSWICK JUVE'S YOUTH PAYING OFF

YEARS of hard work by the Junior Committee of Brunswick Juventus, under the leadership of Donato Manduca and Tony Raponi, are showing abundant results both on and off the field.

To begin with the junior club can boast new excellent clubrooms and floodlights suitable for night games, thanks to the generous financial support of the Brunswick City Council and the voluntary

work of parents who have put in hundreds of hours of labour to stretch to the limit any money contributed by Council.

On the field, the little Zebras have become a force in Victorian Junior Soccer and the trophy cupboards at the Sumner Park clubrooms are bursting at the seams.

The U18 and Youth Teams, which can be considered "the final products" of the junior set-up, finished the season in a blaze of glory ... and incredibly close misses, respectively.

The U18 won both the Victorian League and the VSF Cup, while the Youth team could have done the same, had it not been for a moment of complacency in the final game of the season (conceding a "silly" goal to Caulfield and drawing a game that should have won easily to take out the championship from George Cross).

And again in the Top Four Cup the young Black & Whites dominated the game against George Cross, hitting the woodwork six times (!), only to lose by a solitary goal in extra time.

The young up and coming players had their presentation night on Sunday 18th October at Oakville Reception, Preston, with a glittering dinner dance during which the senior NSL team was also presented with their trophies and awards.

— ROCKY DI ZIO

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SOME COMPENSATION FOR THE BERGERS

BY LES SHORROCK

DEMOTED Heidelberg will meet Brunswick Juventus in the Dockerty Cup final this Sunday. In last Sunday's blazing heat Heidelberg defeated Footscray on penalties whilst Juventus beat Melbourne Croatia in a match overshadowed by the dismissal of Ian Wallace who also suffered a broken leg in the incident.

The double header, played at Middle Park in searing heat, should have provided an object lesson that summer soccer is too ludicrous for words.

Of course, all this will be wasted on people who make such decisions in the comfort of their air-conditioned offices, but here goes anyway.

On Sunday only the players and the referees were out in the open ... every other person, including this photo-

grapher, had retreated to the shade of the stand, where we still sweated but at least had the benefit of a gentle breeze to dry out the sweat.

Out on the park it must have been at least 40 degrees ... wharflies would have walked off, African lions would have sheltered under a tree, but the mad dogs played on.

And before the NSL brass rushes into print in justification of summer Soccer saying that the

games will kick off in the cool of the evening, let me add that thanks to that accursed and completely unnecessary (in Australia anyway, daylight saving), it was still 28 degrees at ten o'clock on Sunday night ... on Saturday night too, for that matter.

In the second game, it got even hotter, so much so that after Footscray's second goal, half the players trooped off the pitch to have buckets of watertossed over them by the physios.

Referee John Fraser argued loud and long and threatened to 'send off' Heidelberg physio Peter Georgilopoulos for helping his players, but re-entled during extra-time (extra misery), and had buckets of water placed on the touchline. Taking throw-ins became a popular chore as players were able to duck their heads in the buckets before taking the throw.

Certain NSL ears must have been burning as one coach and club official after another vented his opinion on the summer madness.

If there was a Players' Union it would have probably called its members out.

Juventus beat Croatia 6-2 in the opening match. Juve went ahead after ten minutes, as Andrew Zinni picked a good through ball from Joe Palatsides. Then a Patterson corner was headed on to the crossbar by Brian Brown and slammed home by Palatsides.

Then came the unfortunate incident when Vlatko Belic and Ian Wallace collided. Referee Dennis Voutsinas sent off



ANDREW ZINNI

Wallace for kicking, and the unfortunate Wallace, unable to walk, was carried off and then taken to hospital, where a double fracture of the right leg was diagnosed.

The irony of the whole affair is that Wallace had re-signed on Friday night for a further year.

Palatsides got into the action again for Juve's third goal. Mirko Runje flapped at a Scott Patterson corner and the ball came out to Palatsides who drove it low across the goalmouth for Zinni to rattle it home.

Juventus went in three goals up and soaked in sweat. As Juve coach Len McKendry was to say afterwards: "My lads we winning 3-0 and they were still reluctant to go out and face the heat again. I could hardly get them off the benches."

"Imagine how the other lot felt. Three goals down and a man short."

It says much for the character of the Croatia players that they stuck manfully to the task of trying to redeem a lost cause.

Coach Peter Ollerton took off Josip Biskic and Branko Milosevic at half-time for Andy Humble and Paul Jurcic. Humble scored a consolation goal but Juve pressed on and substitute Anthony

Grbac, who came on for Zinni, had a hand in two more goals, first for Palatsides and then for Frank McGrellis.

McGrellis also combined with Mehmet Durakovic in a neat exchange

of one-tuos before side-stepping substitute goalie Matthew Tomas for an easy tap-in.

Paul Lewis ran on to a long through ball to score Croatia's other goal ... just for the statistically minded.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marma, Durakovic, Incantalupo, Brown, Belic, Patterson, Cullen, McGrellis, Palatsides, Zinni (Grbac 70th), Fabrizio.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje (Tomas 65th), Davidson, McIntosh, Dunn, Milosevic (Jurcic 46), Biskic (Humble 46), Scott, Wallace (sent off 15th), Heys, Campbell, Lewis.

FOOTSCRAY'S LAPSE

The second game of the day was a much closer and tense affair. Footscray finished very disappointed, because it had the game in its keeping until the 88th minute, when Peter Tsolakis was allowed to wriggle his way through the Blues' defence and tap in a cheeky goal.

Oscar Crino dived between two defenders to beat Jeff Olver in the 20th minute and Heidelberg, after trying valiantly equalised when Peter Tsolakis rounded Gerry van Egmond and squared for Laurie McKinna to score from close range.

Just on the hour, Ken Murphy, who had a good game, walked round Chris Ketsakidis and crossed for Vlado Bozinovski to head past Olver.

Footscray comfortably repelled all Heidelberg's attacks until coach Cedo Cirkovic took off Ernie Tapai and Bozinovski, to bring on Suleiman Curovic and Nick van den Berg.

Van den Berg had scored a hat-trick against Green Gully in the previous round, but was benched for not training.

Footscray seemed to lose concentration, and up popped Tsolakis from what seemed a touch offside to equalise, and

so it was on to extra time.

Nothing happened to trouble the defences in the extra twenty minutes, so the responsibility rested once again on the poor old goalkeepers.

Crino stepped up for the first Footscray effort, tried to place it to Olver's left and it was saved. Fraser should have had it re-taken because Olver moved blatantly before the kick was taken.

Not that I blame Olver, he always moves and so would I. It's up to the referee to spot the infringement. McKinna scored to put the Bergers in front. Eddie Campbell scored, 1-1. Steve Marley scored, 2-1. Ken Murphy stepped up and missed (or Olver saved), still 2-1. But Theo Selemidis missed, or Nikitovic saved and he moved too, still 2-1. Tyrone James trotted up and coolly scored, 2-2. Claude Lucchesi scored, 3-2. Van Egmond scored, 3-3, but Alan Hunter as cool as a cucumber stepped up and scored to make it 4-3 and the Bergers had snatched a win out of the fire.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Kanesoulis, Marley, Hunter, Ketsakidis (Ousalkis 70th), Fraser (Anastasiadis ht), Valentine, Selemidis, Lucchesi, McKinna, Tsolakis.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, James, Karic, Van Egmond, Campbell, Lazopoulos, Tapai (Vanden Berg 75th), Bozinovski (Curovic 75th), Murphy, Spink, Crino.

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CHAMPIONS FALL TO YOUTH

BY JOHN DOYLE

IT was just after the Sydney City break-up that I spoke to Steve O'Connor and John Kosmina at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The boys were chatting to Australian rugby league captain Wally Lewis about sport in general, after the State of Origin clash.

Later O'Connor told me about his early experiences with the St George team.

He explained to me that the Saints boys had very little confidence or belief in themselves.

They were too scared to play short passes from the back and to push the ball around with composure.

It's been quite some time since those early days of the season but what a difference we saw in Sunday's Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium.

Composure and culture are the words that best describe the performance by Saints against the mighty APIA.

They hardly wasted a ball as they patiently built their attack through O'Connor, Mike O'Shea, David Green and Craig Moffitt in the backline.

Goalkeeper Mike Gibson acted like another sweeper assisting O'Connor to switch the point of attack from one

side to the other.

Green was very powerful with this style of play and eliminated Gary Ward in many of his forward runs.

And he helped set up the powerful right side attack of St George.

After 18 minutes another slow build-up on the left by O'Connor and O'Shea drew APIA players out of position and led to the first goal.

A series of good runs into space and short passes saw the ball set up for Kevin Hagan, who opened the scoring with a sizzler.

Around this time of the year New Zealanders make a habit of grabbing the prizes in Australian sport. Hagan is not riding in the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday so the NZer did the damage on Sunday instead.

His paralysing first goal was only an indication of the contribution he was to make to the game.

APIA could not handle him. He was placed under no real pressure and had a picnic in the oppressive heat.

Scott Ollerenshaw was placed under more pressure by Mark Brown, APIA's top tackler.

Brown was played out of his customary role in the centre to pick up Ollerenshaw as he switched from flank to flank.

It was quite a battle between these two players but Ollerenshaw's touch

of skill proved the difference on the excellent surface.

The second goal came when Ollerenshaw received the ball on the edge of the penalty area and started to turn.

He seemed to lose control momentarily but got a second bite at the cherry to curl one into the net off the far post.

The third goal just before halftime was a heartbreaker for APIA and a surprise bonus for the Saints. David Green took advantage of APIA's poor concentration to take a quick throw-in and send the alert Pedro Ricoy goalwards.

Ricoy made the most of the easy chance to pound the left side of the net once again and to post the unbelievable score of 3-0 at halftime.

APIA to their credit tried desperately to get back into the game in the second half. However Saints were always in charge and looked more dangerous in attack.

They had better shooting skill than APIA. This was made more obvious by Hagan's second thunderbolt from 25m.

The 4-0 scoreline brought joy to the Saints camp but will lead to a lot of soul-searching among their equally famous opposition.

What went wrong? The APIA camp will discuss this for some time.

In searching for answers certain points should be taken into consideration. APIA had more experienced players and yet experience meant nothing again this week.

Years ago there were plenty of talented youngsters around but they did not have as much influence on the game as they did on Sunday.

The older, more experienced players used to guarantee this.

Ollerenshaw did not go to Chile and Craig Moffitt did not even get five minutes on the field when he got there yet they were brilliant in the NSL grand final against the "champions".

Someone is misjudging these boys.

Certainly APIA were seriously inconvenienced by the loss of Jean-Paul de Marigny at fullback. This created the situation where Peter Tredinnick



A group of Melita Eagles first grade players with their trophies at the club's Annual Presentation Night at Blacktown Civic Centre. Over 450 people attended.



Don Agius of Mondial Ltd, agents for Bohemian Crystals, presents Melita Eagles' Player of the Year Len Vial with a crystal bowl. Also pictured are secretary Sam Vella and team manager Edwin Gili.

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was played out of position
at left-back.

Without him directing-play to the flanks, APIA's attack was limited to attempts at breaking through the centre. The St George defence easily coped with this uninspired approach.

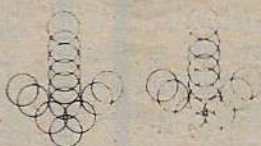
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MURRAY BARNES JOINS COURSE AT WARRINGAH

FORMER Socceroo captain Murray Barnes has linked up with an outstanding coaching course.

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"All the youngsters appreciate what Murray has to tell them."

"He has played in so many parts of the world, and is able to illustrate his demonstrations with examples that stay in their minds," Alagich said.

Already over 200 boys are enrolled in the courses, which are structured with typical Richard Alagich attention to detail.

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Stan Mitford, sports master at Ku-ring-gai High School, is head talent scout.

He has plenty of background as a NSW schools selector and Metropolitan North coach.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Murray Barnes acts as Head Technical Coach.

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Alagich has already been conducting courses for over 100 students, utilising European methods to cover technical elements in after school sessions.

Other coaches involved in the Warringah Freshwater project are: Directors: Brian McKeown, Ralph Pascusso; Assistant Director: Terry Winslade; Youth Managing Director: John Loughran; U19: to be appointed; U17: Terry Winslade, Rocky Carlino; U15: Kyp Kyriacau, John Loughran; U14: Bob Bell, John Moore; U13: Pat Barbalace, Fred Carollo.

Dovetailing in with the courses are a full range of activities under FIFUSA rules at the Narraben Indoor Centre.

As many as 500 people attend the evening games.

When Richard Alagich structures courses then the players can be assured of the best.

And this effort under the Warringah Freshwater banner is no exception.



MURRAY BARNES, the former Australian captain, in a demonstration before a coaching group in preparation to the Warringah-Freshwater coaching scheme.

Don't miss ASW's 32 pages special next week.

JUNIOR QUESTION

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation's Sydney Branch has to quickly solve the Youth League riddle. In 1988 will there be Youth League at Under 16 or 17 level or both? The advertisement below states an opinion as does our junior football expert 'Rushy' on Page 21.

(Advertisement)

RETIRED AT UNDER 16?

The future of Youth League Soccer is in the balance. At this stage an option is 17 in and 16 out. Surely this proposal is detrimental to Youth League and what it stands for.

Removal of under 16 only moves the problem of bridging the 16-19 gap and does not cure it. In fact it creates a bigger problem at a younger, more immature age. Under 17 youth inclusion is overdue but why must it be at the expense of under 16 players.

Further pressure will be felt by these boys because of the proposed change of eligible birth dates. In fact, 16-year-old boys may be playing against under 18 youths.

Surely the powers that be must realise the problems which will arise with the dominance of age, size and maturity, not to mention the

social implications inherent at this period of youth development.

Many of the younger, less mature boys in a vain challenge for Youth League positions against their older, bigger opponents will find themselves without a role in Soccer at Youth League level.

Players kept in the game longer and given time to mature will not only enhance player futures, but will also induce spectator interest and advance our budding international prospects.

The Associations have a big decision to make at the NSWASF Sydney branch meeting on November 7 in considering the future of our youth — yes, our youth!

Please make sure you think very carefully before you throw away the fu-

ture of boys who have enjoyed the game and served it well since as young as four years of age.

Negative proposals such as 'we cannot fill teams' and so on will be put forward by inefficient clubs who fail to attract youth because of poor coaching and lack of officials' interest.

In the best interests of successful youth and international prospects these negative, short-sighted proposals must surely be outweighed by the many positive aspects of age continuity.

There is nothing to lose and everything to gain by making a decision which will build our Youth League players into a force which will eventually make Australia a name in world Soccer and this can only be done by maintaining continuity.



A COACHING warm-up with Steve Leak, the Super Youth coach for Warringah-Freshwater, on the ball. Absorbing the lesson are coaching director Richard Alagich, goalkeeper coach Fred Wall and striker coach Mark Holloway.



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HALFORD WITH ALL WHITES

BY PAUL MOON

NAPIER City Rovers midfielder Paul Halford is the only surprise inclusion in the 16-strong New Zealand squad chosen to play Western Samoa in two Olympic qualifying matches on November 8 and 13.

Halford, who was on Derby County's books in his native Britain before moving to New Zealand in 1982, has made just one previous appearance for the All Whites — two years ago as a substitute against touring English club Newcastle United.

He is one of three players added to the squad that recently defeated Australia in the Winfield Trans Tasman series. The others are goalkeeper Frank van Hattum and central defender Ricki Herbert.

Omitted are old warhorse Allan Boath, goalkeeper Grant Schofield and midfielder Paul Brydon.

Coach Kevin Fallon has

resisted the temptation to blood promising young players against the Western Samoans, who will be making their full international debut after joining FIFA only last year.

The NZ squad is: Clint Gosling (Melita Eagles), Frank van Hattum (Mount Maunganui), Richard Mulligan (Gisborne City), Malcolm Dunford (Wellington United), Ceri Evans (Christchurch United), Robert Ironside (North Shore United), Ricki Herbert (Mount Wellington), Kenny Cresswell (Gisborne City), Mike McGarry (Dunedin City), Danny Halligan (Christchurch United), Paul Halford (Napier City Rovers), Declan Edge (Mount Maunganui), Andy Deeley (Heidelberg United), Kevin Hagan (St George), Fred de Jong (Mount Wellington), Noel Barkley (Papatoetoe).

Melbourne referee Chris Bambridge will control the November 8 game in Apia.

ALL WHITES SQUAD

THE 16-man New Zealand team to play Western Samoa in home and away Olympic Games Qualifying matches on Saturday 7 November (Apia) and Friday 13 November (Auckland) is:

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BIG STEVE WINS PLAYER OF YEAR

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE sweeper and former World Cup centre-back Steve O'Connor careered away with the Australian Soccer Press Player Of The Year award for 1987.

At a lavish dinner in the Dolphin Room at the Apia Soccer Club, Steve won the award by scoring a record 30 points given to him by members of the print and electronic media.

As well as receiving a magnificent trophy from Ambassador Sports Trophies, Rocky was presented with the latest model compact refrigerator from Lemair (Australia) Pty Ltd.

Making the presentation to Steve was Lemair's national sales manager Mr Harry Marr.

O'Connor who has played in the NSL since its inception, and turns 33 in 20 days time, has had a marvellous if not impeccable season with St George.

Converted to sweeper from his normal stopper's position, O'Connor almost single-handedly lifted the Saints into last Sunday's Grand Final and won it.

Always the quiet, humble giant, O'Connor's massive frame, sharp vision and intelligent calling from the back gave the young inexperienced St George side a high degree of confidence.

The St George youngsters immediately felt safe and secure with Steve looking after everything at the back as they quickly developed into a dangerous unit over the last five months.

Although not St George's captain, everybody knew Rocky had become the Saints' spiritual leader.

His powerful, yet cool play gave St George the much needed stability and guidance after a disastrous start in the season.

Born November 24th 1954 at the St George Hospital, Steve as a junior played with Revesby, Bankstown and the Hakoah clubs.

In those days he was a midfielder.

While at Bankstown, he was spotted by the father of former Australian centreback Alan Marnoch, Dave Marnoch.

Mr Marnoch, an Hakoah scout, immediately enticed Steve to link up with champion club Hakoah, later to be called Sydney City, back in 1972.

Steve played in the reserve team for a year, making his debut in the first grade against Apia in 1973 at Wentworth Park.

O'Connor, now a school teacher at Granville South High, at the age of 19 became Hakoah's permanent centreback.

With Hakoah, big Steve

enjoyed 14 years of almost unbroken success as the club won championships, cups and whatever else there was around.

Married to attractive Terry, the O'Connors have a son Ryan, aged two and half.

"I like to relax by staying at home and pottering around the garden with plants," said Steve.

In 1981 O'Connor made his debut in the international arena for Australia against New Zealand under German coach Rudi Gutendorf. But it was a sad day for Steve as Australia lost 1-0 in the mud.

In 1983 and with Frank Arok as coach, Steve played for Australia in all three matches against England, alongside the tough-as-steel David Ratcliffe, doing a marvellous job for the national team in keeping out the highly professional Englishmen.

Australia drew two of the matches against England and lost the other by 1-0 when Trevor Francis got away during a free-kick awarded to the visitors.

"I would like to take up coaching at some level

land in the two World Cup elimination matches in 1985, especially at Hampden Park, was an incredible experience for the giant defender.

"I had to mark Scotland's West Ham striker Frank McAvennie who was hard and very quick," he said. "The wet pitch suited the Scots and they gave us a torrid time but we did quite well against them."

"Beating Israel in the World Cup was also an incredible experience."

Steve O'Connor during 1985 and 1986 had a bad image with the referees as his vigorous style brought him many red and heaps of yellow cards.

But this season, O'Connor saddled with the huge responsibility of fostering a young St George side, kept his red card account clean and the yellow tally way down.

With Saints coach Arok changing Steve from a stopper to a sweeper, his style of play blossomed enormously.

"As a sweeper, you have more time on the ball and you are far more involved in play," he said.

"I have lost quite a bit of weight this season and feel much better for it."



STEVE O'CONNOR accepts his award from Lemair's HARRY MARR. Pic—Modern Studios

physical tackles that were O'Connor's trademark.

The 1987 NSL season saw a brand new, enthusiastic and slimmer O'Connor who concentrated on making clean tackles and always trying to come away with the ball.

Make no mistake. The aggression has never left Rocky, but it is now controlled.

"You know how much I hate losing," quipped Steve.

His form this year has been so outstanding, O'Connor has embarrassed Arok.

Instead of retiring, Soccer experts are calling for O'Connor to be yet again drafted into the Australian team.

And why not?

All this year, Steve O'Connor has outshone both Australian centre-backs Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn.

Rest assured, no matter what, Steve O'Connor will again strap up for another two years for St George.

RUNNERS UP

Runners-up to O'Connor were Apia's Arno Bertogna, Sydney Olympic's Vicente Estavillo, Peter Tredinnick from Apia, Marconi's Frank Farina, Rod Brown of Apia, Zarko Odzakovic from Sydney Croatia and Jean-Paul de Marigny.

NSL UNDER 21

ROBBIE HOOKER, Sydney Olympic's powerful utility defender in the NSL, took out the Under 21 Player award after having had an outstan-

ding season with Olympic since transferring from the defunct Sydney City.

Hooker topscored with 26 votes, three ahead from Sydney Croatia's midfielder Mark Jones.

Other players to score well in this division were St George pair Craig Moffitt and Scott Ollerenshaw, Olympic's Abbas Saad, Apia's Alex Bundalo and Marconi's Geoff Gunning.

The young Sydney Olympic defender received a top quality trophy from Ambassador Trophies plus a stereo radio-cassette combination by Lemair.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

The Player Of The Year award in the NSW State Bank League was taken out by Wollongong City's captain and centre-back Jeff Ainsworth.

Ainsworth captured the major prize just ahead of from Melita Eagles' energetic defender Ean Rodrigues and Uruguay-Penrith's Aitic Genc.

As well as receiving a magnificent Ambassador Sports Trophy, Ainsworth won a compact refrigerator from Lemair (Australia) Pty Ltd.

UNDER 21 NSW STATE LEAGUE

Australia's World Youth Championship and Blacktown City's captain and centreback Kurt Reynolds took out the Under 21 award in the NSW State League section.

Reynolds received some fierce competition from Melita Eagles' Andrew Callanan and Canterbury's talented Zlavko Abramasic.

JACK RETIRES

DAVID JACK, well known Soccer journalist who retires this week from the Sun in Sydney, and who was ASW's first editor, did not miss out.

Keith Gilmour, ASW's editor, presented David on behalf of all ASPA members a lovely sports trophy, styled and crafted by Ambassador Trophies.

David Jack will be shifting from Sydney's northern beach suburb Harbord and has bought a water-view unit on the South coast of NSW near Sussex Inlet.

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JOHNNY WARREN with award winner ROBERT HOOKER. Photo Modern Studios

when I finish playing," said O'Connor.

Earlier under Les Scheinflug, O'Connor played for Australia in the Merlion Cup in Singapore.

He saddled up for a World Cup hitout in 1985 and matched all opponents for ruggedness usually found at international level.

"By nature, I am competitive and I have to get involved," said Steve.

Playing against Scot-

"As a sweeper, too, you have more opportunities to try things."

And what does O'Connor think about the huge responsibility Arok dumped on his shoulders?

"I don't mind it at all," he said.

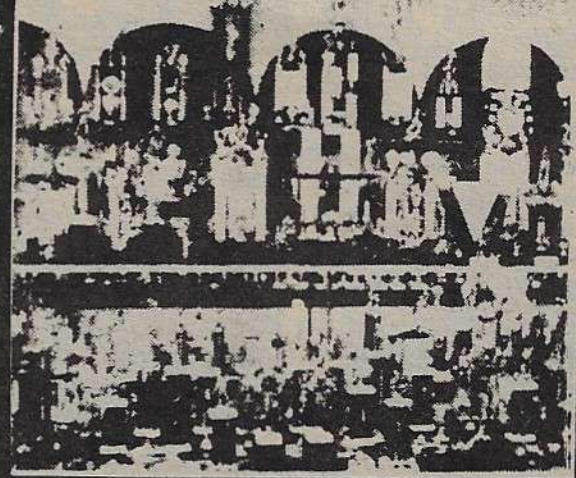
"In fact I enjoy it. I talk a lot more now on the pitch because I have too."

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Although the QSF has reduced the suitable light standard to 75 lux with a uniformity minimum average of .5, the clubs' floodlights failed to reach the standard.

They have been given to November 30 to indicate whether their lights will be upgraded.

And the QSF also has notified all clubs that the minimum lux standard will be raised to 100 lux by 1989.

"Obviously in Queensland's weather night matches are favoured, but there has to be certain standards clubs must meet if that is the direction they want to head," said QSF executive director Alan Vessey.

"Apart from the obvious safety risk caused by insufficient lighting, clubs and particularly those in the higher divisions, have a responsibility to paying patrons and interested television media to provide a proper level of suitability.

"Clubs have been aware of the minimum standard required now for more than six months and the ball is very much in their court."

REDLANDS' Queensland Rothman's Medal winner RICHARD VAN WIN on the ball at right.



CUTILLAS STAYS AT AZZURRI

AZZURRI Brisbane City is set to retain its "miracle man", coach Juan Cutillas, by offering him a two year contract.

Cutillas, who has been touted as a possible candidate for the Lions NSL job, is almost certain to sign.

"Brisbane City has been very professional in their handling of the matter and I believe that this year we create the base for a very good future," Cutillas said.

The Spanish-born Cutillas admitted he had been interested in the Lions position but Azzurri had been much more positive in its offer and manner.

"Lions expect people to sit around and wait and jump when the club wants them to. I think their whole attitude is unprofessional," Cutillas said.

Cutillas admitted that his goal was to coach in the NSL but he has no doubts that in time, that will come with Azzurri.

This year Cutillas earned the title of "miracle worker" after he turned around the fortunes of the former NSL strugglers. He transformed the much maligned City squad into a team to be feared in the XXXX League.

After a shaky start, City strung together 15 games without defeat, reaching the XXXX League grand final, but losing to Lions.

Azzurri president Sam Pappalardo has no doubts that the securing of Cutillas is the key to future success for the club.

"Juan has a good reputation now and I am sure players will come to Brisbane City next year wanting to train with him and play for us," Pappalardo said.

"With Juan's help, we can get back into the National League."

While the securing of Cutillas is a major boost to City's hopes of winning the XXXX League next season, the club must now set about retaining its star players in 1988.

Captain Frank Mengotti almost certainly will be courted by Brisbane Lions while star striker Kieran Cooper, who netted 23 goals last season, already has had one southern approach.

"We are confident of re-signing all our players," said City secretary John Ponturo this week.

OLYMPIC REPLACES MIKE MILOVANOVIC

OLYMPIC United will make a "surprise" coaching announcement after the club's annual general meeting on Saturday.

Current club president Con Iconomides, who is expected to be voted back into the position, said the club's new XXXX League coach would be announced by the new committee.

Olympic received 12 applications to their coaching position advertisements. Iconomides confirmed that

several name coaches were among the applicants, but the decision would "surprise" some.

"The new coach is a former national team player who has been out of the game for a while," Iconomides said.

"The club is very excited about the future with our new coach, but it

would not be proper to reveal his identity until the new committee was named.

"It will be their job to sanction his appointment and make an announcement."

Olympic United this year appointed former Young Socceroo Mike Milovanovic as player-coach after the club was left in the lurch when 1986 coach Juan Cutilla went to Spencer Park.

Milovanovic did a

sound job with a squad of youngsters and the club may have made the semi-finals but for a slump midway through the second round.

Olympic did make the Ampol Cup final, losing to Coalstars 3-5 in a thrilling Soccer spectacle.

"We have been close to making the semi-finals for the past two seasons. We have a young side which is starting to mature and I am sure we can reach the play-offs next season," Iconomides said.

Brisbane Croatia's recruiting

drive

XXXX League newcomers, Croatia, are certain to field two overseas stars in re-vamped line-up next season.

The Division Two premiers have had talent scouts working overtime over the past month.

It is understood they have clinched the services of two Croatian players who will come to Australia early next year.

The players, believed to be a striker and a midfielder, will add thrust to the Croatia side which already contains NSL-experienced players Mark Atmore, Joe Cairney, George Caird, Mick Gerritsen and Brett Beves.

The club also is on the lookout for another goalkeeper as a back-up for Beves.

Although it will be Croatia's first year back in top company after being relegated out of the Premier Division in the 1983 restructuring, the club is confident it can make the semi-finals next year.

"We have big plans for 1988 and many things are already underway," said Croatian Community Soccer Section spokesman, John Mesic.

The Croatian Community's magnificent new million-dollar clubhouse at the Dunn Road complex upgrade its facilities.

New dressing rooms plex is edging towards completion while the Soccer section has plans to

and spectator facilities are among the plans. But it will take a true club effort to complete the work in time for Croatia to open the season on its home ground.

The QSF Grounds Inspection Committee has given the club until the end of the year to complete the development, otherwise Croatia's matches will be scheduled to another ground, most likely Lion's nearby Richlands complex.

But if any club can rally building support, Croatia is the one and several working bees over the next month are expected to see the necessary improvements completed rapidly.

LIGHTBOWN A WINNER

BRISBANE Lions' version of American football's "The Refrigerator" - Kiwi-import Grant Lightbown, is certain to stay with the club next season.

Lightbown has returned to Auckland during the off-season to wind-up his plumbing business and is expected back in Brisbane early next year.

The powerhouse stiker, whose size and speed stunned his opponents this year, spent much of the latter part of the season travelling across the Tasman.

Lightbown, who Lions signed just prior to the June 30 transfer deadline, was committed to business contracts in the second half of the year and crossed the Tasman no less than six times during the final month of the season.

"It was a bit tiring but easier because we were winning," Lightbown said. Many rated the addition of Lightbown to the Lions squad as the difference between the club winning the XXXX League and failing at the last hurdle.

He proved a sensation in the final rounds, scoring vital goals for his new side, which won the title by just a point from the fast-finishing Azzurri.

Lightbown's form continued through to the recent NSL promotion play-offs with Adelaide Hellas, when he created Lions first goal in Adelaide and score one himself in the 4-0 romp at Richlands.

"Grant was tremendous asset to us and his spirit and will to win spread through the team. He blended in very quickly," said Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith.

Stowell sits pat

SUCCESSFUL Queensland coach Bruce Stowell has opted against a move back into club football because he fears for the long-term future of the National League.

Stowell, the State Director of Coaching, last week re-signed with the Queensland Soccer Federation for a further two years, ending speculation that he would take the Lions NSL coaching job.

"The position with the QSF offers a long term security that I may not have found as an NSL club coach," Stowell said.

It was understood that Stowell and Lions had preliminary discussions, but rumours in Queensland of troubles ahead for the NSL prompted the state coach to take up the first of two two-year options on his QSF contract.

"This season has been a successful and satisfying one with the Federation and the state team, and I am now eagerly looking to build on that over the next two

years," Stowell said.

Stowell became a hot tip for the Lions job after this year's coach, Gordon Arrowsmith, announced he was not interested in the position next season.

Lions were after a full time appointment, hoping to get a coach and a marketing man combined in one.

Stowell, who commands a tremendous respect among players in Queensland seemed an excellent choice, and the bonus would be the likelihood of him attracting state players not already at Lions.

But his decision to stay at Perry Park ended hopes at Lions of an easy end to their search for a coach. The club now is advertising nationally and hopes to make an appointment as soon as possible.

"Obviously a quick appointment is desired, but the committee considers it more important to get the right man rather than be forced into a rush decision that may be regretted later on," club secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said.

The club is understood to still have several people in mind, although options locally are now very few.

Name coaches yet to be employed include Matt Carson and Iain Kesson, who both previously had stints at Richlands.

But it seems more likely the club will go for an interstate or overseas appointment.

"Committee members are following up one or two things and we'll see what the advertisements uncover," Oudendyk said.

But as the days tick by, time is fast running out for Lions to get fully ready for their return to the country's premier competition.

The club is loathe to sign or release any players until the new coach is appointed. But the longer the position remains unfilled, the most difficult it will be for the eventual successful applicant to make his side competitive.

Quality players don't stay on the transfer list forever, and if Lions hope to be better than just also-rans next season, they must strengthen their squad.

SACK REWARD FOR SUCCESS

COACHING in the Illawarra Premier League has become a cut-throat business with three coaches who took their teams to the semi-finals last season already on the sideline.

Col Owers (Cringila), Norm Flanagan (Bulli) and Luke Robaards (Figtree) are almost certain to be without clubs in 1988.

Cringila have made it clear to Owers his services won't be required, Bulli have taken on John Frew to replace Flanagan and Robaards was unsuccessful in his application to Figtree.

Robaards shared the role with Phil Carr this year and they took Figtree in to third place behind South Coast Croatia and Bulli.

For next season, Carr and Robaards applied to take the job individually and the committee went for Carr.

Owers is left wondering what he has to do to be

recognised by a club, after taking Cringila into the grand final at his first attempt at the job in Illawarra.

He said the committee virtually snubbed him after Cringila lost the grand final to Croatia.

"I have supporters I know walk past me in the main street of Wollon-

gong and spit on the ground when they saw me," Owers said.

"The club didn't tell me when the Association presentation night was to be held so obviously they didn't want me there.

"If I knew what I have done to upset them it wouldn't be so bad but I

thought I had done well for them."

Owers said he will pity anyone who takes the Cringila job next season and doesn't take them into the grand final.

Flanagan's name had been linked with Fernhill when last season's coach Gerry Walker was tipped to take over at Mittagong next year.

Both were interviewed for the job and Flanagan said he would not press his application if Walker wanted to stay at the club.

Flanagan has left Bulli after five successful seasons after the club would not give him extra time to give them a decision on whether he would be available for 1988.

PFAFF — BEST INTERNATIONAL GOAL-KEEPER

(THIS interesting feature was provided by Sydney sporting journalist Ted Simmons, who is a member of the Praesidium of the International Federation of Football History and Statistics).

AS from 1987 the magazine Fussball-Weltzeitschrift 11, which is published by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics, will be holding an annual election of the World's Best Goalkeeper.

As a rule, only one representative chosen for each country will be eligible to vote in it. He must indicate the first three placings.

There are three points for first place two points for second and one for the third place.

The points for the individual goalkeepers are added up and this results in a rankings list arranged according to points. The man with the highest score is judged goalkeeper of the year.

The keepers are assessed on the following criteria: his achievements a) in the national team, b) in international club competitions and c) in national championships and in national cups. Only those goal-keepers who get five

or more points will be shown on the rankings list, thus excluding a national overvaluation.

"Uhlisport" (Balingen), the biggest international supplier of kit for goalkeepers in football, is acting as the sponsor of this world vote. The sponsor cannot have any affect on the vote.

Every year before a game, a trophy cup is going to be handed publicly to the three best placed players.

In a subsequent issue of the Fussball-Weltzeitschrift 11 we will print the complete rankings of the best international keepers, we will report on the awards ceremony and publish a biography (written in each case by nationals) of the six highest placed players.

The International Federation of Football History and Statistics is the international association of football historians and statisticians, and international cream of football experts which has been chosen with great care.

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published in Fussball-Weltzeitschrift 11:

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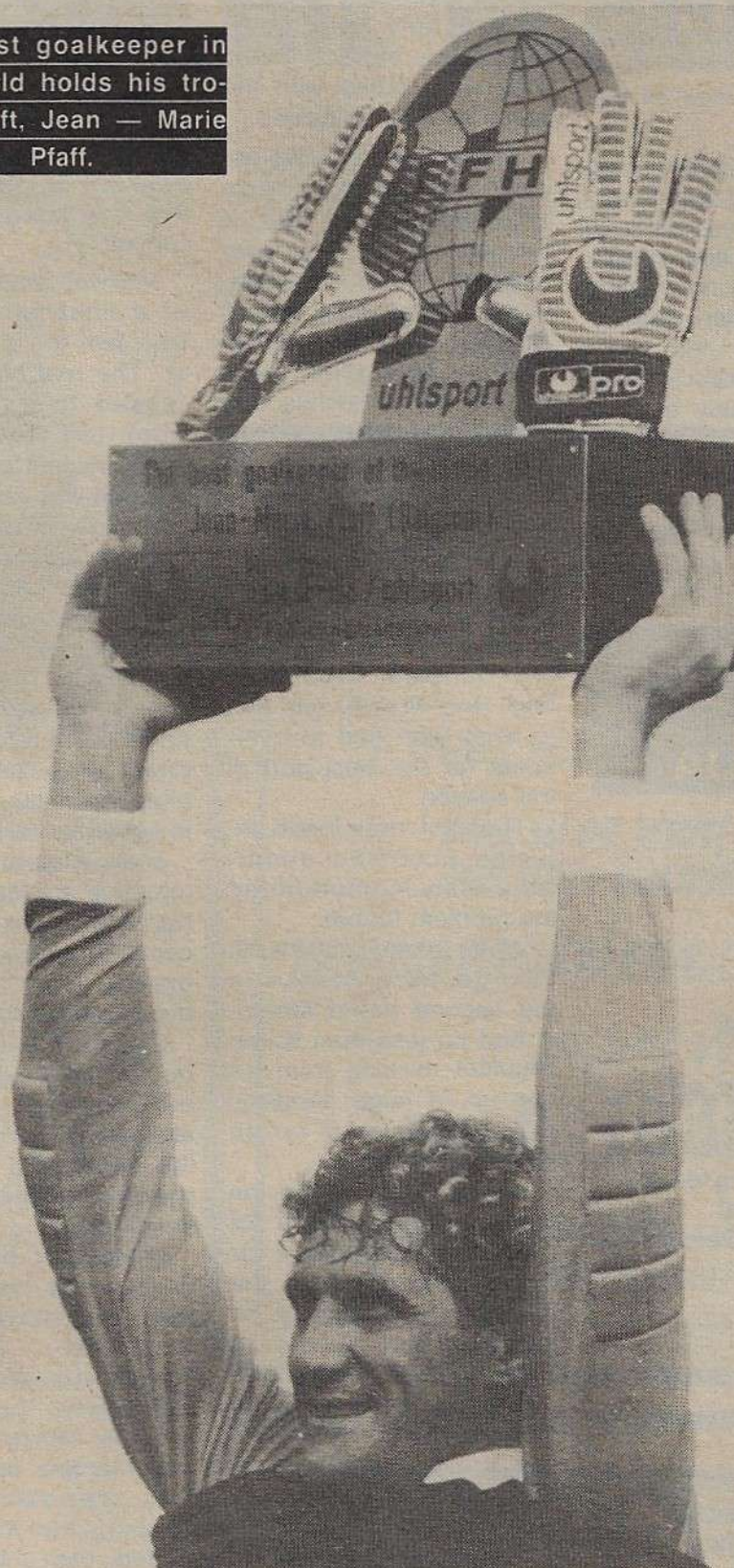
2) Every issue contains a colour archive with full-page finalists of international competitions both on the basis of clubs and selections.

3) Every issue contains an actualised international exclusive, resulting each time from teamwork, and photos from many countries.

Every article in Fussball-Weltzeitschrift 11 is written with nothing short of scientific precision by authors from the countries concerned. The structure, content, level and format of the journal have led many experts and bodies all over the world to term Fussball-Weltzeitschrift 11 as "die Bibel des Fussballs".

This year's winner was Belgian Jean-Marie Pfaff.

The best goalkeeper in the world holds his trophy aloft, Jean — Marie Pfaff.



DYNAMIC DOZEN

THE WORLD'S BEST GOAL-KEEPERS IN 1986/87:

1. Jean-Marie Pfaff (FC Bayern Munchen/Belgique) 137 pts
2. Rinat Dasajev (Spartak Moscow/Soviet Union) 43 pts
3. Water Zenga (Internazionale Milano/Italia) 30 pts
4. Harald Schumacher (FC Schalke 04/BR Deutschland) 29 pts
5. Neville Southall (Everton FC/Wales) 15 pts
6. Rene Muller (1.FC Lok Leipzig/DDR) 14 pts



PETER SHILTON (no.7)

7. Peter Shilton (Derby County/England) 12 pts
8. Baddou El-Zaki (RCD Mallorca/Marocco) 11 pts
9. Roberto Fernandez (Deportivo Cali/Paraguay) 8 pts
10. Jozeg Mlynarczyk (FC Porto/Poland) 8 pts
11. Nery Alberto Pumpido (River Plate Buenos Aires/Argentina) 7 pts
12. Carlos Alberto Gallo (Corinthians Sao Paulo/Brasil) 6 pts

BARNEY IS THE KING OF SHELLHARBOUR

IN an end-of-season rush for positions, Shellharbour have named Barney King as their coach. He will take over from Les Sheedy, who will stay with the club as an official.

King was assistant coach to Larry Gaffney at Fairy Meadow this year and was also the leading goalscorer in first grade.

He gives Shellharbour great value as a player-coach and will link up with Greg Crowl and Barry Robinson to form what should be a lethal attack.

Croatia coach Neil Williams still hasn't decided if he will stay with the highly successful club next year.

Williams has told officials he will give them an answer in the next few weeks. Fairy Meadow are known to be interested in having him return to them as a player.

Having recently become a father for the first time, Williams might well take a complete rest from the game in 1988.

At Tarrawanna, Gary Masters will be coach as successor to Wayne Bradford, while Craig Rogers retains his role with newly promoted Helensburgh.

Ron Sattin has been signed for another season at Unanderra as player-coach and is making it very clear he will have a new-look side on the field.

Port Kemblas have replaced Robert Fryer with Joe Moreno, Fryer having left Wetherall Park to re-join Aris who will be relegated to First Division.

Moreno faces no easy task at Port Kembla unless the club can lure two or three class players before the start of the season.

Warilla Wanderers have yet to name their new coach.

PAUL TRIMBOLI and skipper KURT REYNOLDS (observed) in action against Chile.



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MARCONI'S OLYMPIC PARK HOODOO

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

MARCONI coach Roberto Vieri will not complain if his team never has to play at Australia's best Soccer venue again.

If there is such a thing as a jinxed ground, Melbourne's Olympic Park would have to be Marconi's graveyard - four matches there produced four defeats this season and these proved to be the only ones the team lost in ten interstate visits.

A first round 2-1 defeat by Brunswick Juventus started the losing sequence, South Melbourne extended it with a 4-1 victory in the Beach Fashions Cup semi-final and Melbourne Croatia killed off all championship hopes with its 1-0 win late in the year.

Marconi came closest to overcoming the Olympic Park hoodoo when it twice led Preston in the Top Five series before drawing 2-2 and getting eliminated on a penalty shootout.

These defeats cost Vieri and his team dearly. What is arguably the country's most entertaining outfit finished up empty-handed, while less talented sides took all the honours.

Australia Soccer has long been notorious for the unjust treatment it hands out to any coach who doesn't bring instant success and Vieri was no exception.

An early season slump, which was mainly caused by factors which his critics refused to recognise, fueled speculation that Marconi was ready to dump him.

President Tony Lab-

bozzetta however ignored all the sniping and stuck to his beleaguered coach - his faith was fully justified.

Rather than be crucified, Vieri ought to be congratulated for overcoming tremendous odds and taking his side as far as he did.

It is extremely doubtful whether any team could have made the Top Five if they were faced with the same amount of injuries.

Steve Calderan did not make his first appearance until the second half of the season, Ian Gray missed the first six rounds, Craig Mason was out of action for ten weeks, Tommy McCulloch was out for eight matches and David Lowe suffered an injury which kept him on the sidelines for nearly three months.

APIA would have had great difficulty taking out the championship without players like Yankos, Butler, Bundalo, Tredinnick and Rob Brown, yet that is what Vieri had to overcome for the best part of the season.

The fact that these injuries occurred simultaneously compounded the problem further.

When grand finalists St George were beaten in the second round Marconi had no less than seven regulars missing from its line up, a huge handicap that few teams could have coped with.

Vieri himself will be the first to admit that he is not the most articulate or charismatic coach in the country and that may be his greatest hurdle to overcome.

Others could charm their way out of difficulties but Vieri just keeps on quietly doing the very best with what he's got.

Just when it appeared that Marconi was back to full strength and were ready to give the playoffs a shake, Vieri was faced

with a list of suspensions which in the end may have made all the difference.

For the crucial semi-final against Preston the side had to travel to Olympic Park with strong midfielders Geoff Gunning and Tommy McCulloch, but the cruellest suspension of all was that of Steve Maxwell what I considered to be a disgraceful decision by the National League executive enforced a suspension for an offence that they knew he did not commit.

Maxwell was the victim of a linesman who mistook him for another player. The real offender confessed to it, the victim admitted that Maxwell was innocent yet the suspension was not lifted.

It now appears that natural justice does not exist in our game.

Had Maxwell been facing a criminal charge in a civil court the evidence presented would surely have completely exonerated him - but the NSL executive still forced him to serve his sentence.

Vieri himself took the injustice to Maxwell and his team in his strike and came to within an ace of getting over the hurdle but it was not to be.

Preston twice wiped out Marconi's lead, hung on in extra time and eliminated Vieri's team in the shootout - the Olympic Park hoodoo had struck again.

While Vieri had nothing to show for his efforts in the end, his baptism to National League coaching was more satisfactory.

If his critics get their way Marconi denies Vieri the opportunity of finishing the job that he started, then I think injustice would be just as great as the one which was handed out to Steve Maxwell by the NSL.

A CALL TO ARMS

During the week the ASW office received a letter from a group of Soccer enthusiasts, stressing that they feel something along the lines of a Soccer Seminar should be held in 1988 to coincide with the Bicentenary of the country. Here we publish the majority of what was stated. . .

A CONVENTION or national seminar should be called to analyse, discuss and make recommendations on all aspects of Soccer in Australia.

And what better date than 1988, the Bicentennial year of the white settlement in Australia. Even if it is too late to apply for financial funding for its organisation, we "real football" fans and clubs are used to paying our own way out.

The convention should be called, let's say at the beginning or middle of November, with the football season already well over and most people available.

Such a convention should be held on a weekend.

On the lines of the following schedule. . .

- Friday night: General opening with guest speakers, for example - Opposition leader John Howard, plus a main speech on the aims of the convention by a Soccer personality like Charles Perkins, and then some entertainment.

- Saturday: Division of delegates into workshops or discussion groups conducted by a well known convenor, specialist, player or soccer personality such as Les Murray, John Warren and others from Australia's mass media.

- Charles Perkins: Soccer, Administration and Politics of Sport Control.

- Frank Arok, Rale Rasic, Eddie Thomson might talk about and suggest some things about coaching in Australia from schools to national team.

- Jeff Olver, Terry Greedy and Robbie Slater. We need player participation in Soccer organisation and promotions etc.

- The Paying Fan: How to participate, how to attract them ideas - George Donikian, Viri Pires etc.

Plus some other workshops on Summer Soccer, amateurs, community clubs, professional, promotion and relegation, state and national competitions with up to a maximum of 10 or 12 discussion groups or workshops.

Sunday morning: Dis-

cussion and debate of combined two or three groups to make lists of recommendations.

Sunday afternoon: Plenary session with presentation of recommendations by the convenors, full public discussion and debate on the reports. Maximum five minutes per speaker.

Election of a committee to draw up full deliberations of the convention.

By ASW's position in Soccer I believe you could be an important ele-

ment in calling such a convention, and I believe costs would be covered by the delegates fees.

For example a \$30 fee per person for the duration of the convention, or a \$10 per day or \$5 per session fee, except the opening night.

A Soccer club could provide the facilities for the convention at no cost. That it would recover from the sale of drinks and meals to the delegates.



DEZ MARTON (St George)



RAY FARRUGIA

THIS is aimed primarily at the immediate Soccer fraternity, players, coaches, journalists and officials. If any of the aforementioned or any readers have feelings toward this proposal, then let us know by writing to the editor c/o Aust.Soccer Weekly, PO Box 406 Broadway 2007.

The idea was brought up by the likes of Viri Pires, Dez Marton, Les Schaumann, Ray Farrugia, Frank Lang and Geoff Tudor - with the betterment of Soccer at heart.

YOUTH PROFILE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NAME: Shaun Murphy

BIRTHDATE: 5.11.70

HOME: Perth WA

PRESENT CLUB: Sorrento

PRESENT COACHES: Gordon Ferguson.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Balga Soccer Club.

PREVIOUS COACHES: Mick Leigh, Ron Tindall.

FAVOURITE POSITION: Right midfield.

POSITIONS PLAYED: Sweeper, centre midfield, right back.

REP HONOURS: State U13, U14, U15, U16, U18's.

OTHER HONOURS: Playing in a league winning team.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Rush, Hoddle, Josimar.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT OR MATCH: Beating NSW 15's.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing out on Australian U16 World Cup side.

OTHER SPORTS: Basketball.

1987 AIMS: Do well in school.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: Australian representative.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Dad.

JOHN WARD'S OPINION: Shaun is a more than

useful player, because he can play in many positions.

A good ball winner in the air and on the ground, he

needs to work on his distribution particularly in

heading. An excellent attitude to coaching and the

game.

YOUTH PROFILE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NAME: Terry Nicolaou

BIRTHDATE: 13.5.71

HOME: Perth WA

PRESENT CLUB: Inglewood Kiev

PRESENT COACHES: Colin Ashley.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.

PREVIOUS COACHES: Mel Weston, Alf Debono,

Derek Henderson, Tommy O'May.

FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre midfield.

POSITIONS PLAYED: Midfield.

REP HONOURS: Capt U13, U14, U15 then U16 and

youth National U16.

OTHER HONOURS: Junior winner in the League winners.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Norrie Sutton, brother Dean Nicolaou, Chris Waddle, Maradona.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT OR MATCH: Being represented in the National U16 team.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not able to go to Australian U16 trials because of work commitments.

OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, tennis, golf.

1987 AIMS: To be chosen in the national youth side.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To travel to Sydney to play in the National League and to finally be picked to play for the Socceroos.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Alf Debono and Dad, Steve, Mum Fay and brother Dean.

JOHN WARD'S OPINION: Terry is a good all round player especially in attack. Can use both feet and has good vision. His biggest weakness is his heading ability. His work rate needs improving when the opposition have the ball.

COACHES' CREDITS

BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
OF COACHING

AGAIN it's the time of the season to give coaches who've done a good job the credit they deserve.

In particular two coaches whose teams have had magnificent seasons, and in fact whom I predicted would not do too well, deserve all the credit they can get.

—RALE RASIC has moulded together a team that in the end rightly was acclaimed champions of Australia.

APIA-Leichhardt have now a fine team, well balanced with flair and aggression and with youth and experience.

With a couple of additions they could continue to be the force in Australian Soccer.

—FRANK AROK on the other hand had a side that looked at the start of the season as though the

year was going to be very bleak.

But full credit to him. With a couple of experienced additions in Steve O'Connor and Kevin Hagan his generally young squad not only played with their usual aggression but with flair as well. The season is ending on a very bright note, with plenty of promise for 1988.

—ERNE MERRICK is really the only Melbourne coach whose team has shown any consistency.

He deserves the credit after being thrown in at the deep and some time into dragged his team up to contest the title and give Melbourne some pleasure from the season.

—JOHN FLEMING also is a coach who deserves much credit, getting Wollongong City back in the N.S.L. at the first attempt and without any big money signings, but with spirit, organisation and determination. So well done!



Australian Capital Territory

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Representative Match...

ACT defeats Latrobe

IT'S been a long season but the ACT Soccer League saved the best to the last with a 5-2 win over Latrobe Valley in the Inter League representative match at Traralgon.

The team turned in a performance of strength and character to wrap up 1987, hitting back with four goals after slipping 2-1 behind shortly after the interval.

And it was a victory achieved against the

ACT INDOOR LEAGUE

MEN'S GROUP A: City Club 2 Euroblitz 1, Sixty-Niners 3 Atrics 0, Penetrators 5 International 0. Points: City Club 15, Penetrators 13, Sixty-Niners 12, Shadows 12, Euroblitz 11, Atrics 7 International 6.

MEN'S GROUP B: Warriors 4 Hardrock Cafe 1, Majura 6 Westpac Wallpapers 4, Boys from Europe 2 Iberians 2. Points: Comets 15, Majura 11, Warriors 11, Westpac Wallpapers 10, Iberians 10, Boys from Europe 9, Hardrock Cafe 9.

MEN'S GROUP C: White Eagles 4 Dickson Old Boys 3, Ainslie Concrete Dribblers 3, Canberra Condors 2, Red Devils 6 Francos 3. Points: Ainslie Concrete Dribblers 18, White Eagles 16, Red Devils 15, Canberra Condors 14, Francos 11, Easts 9, Dickson Old Boys 8.

MIXED: Russell United 3 Warriors 0, Police Seven Allstars 3 Kahos 2, Rebels 3 RF Wanderers 1, Aid Warriors 2 Napalm 1.

BOYS UNDER 20: Avengers 4 West Coast Coolers 2, M and M 3 Belnorth 2, Linekers 2 Kangaroos 1, Tornados 3 Condors 1.

UNDER 16: Amigos 2 Belconnen 2, Belnorth 2 Mazibars 1, Apollo 3 Prostars 1, Mazibars 4 Belconnen 0.

UNDER 15: Melmacs 5 Daramalan 1, Dominos 7 Daramalan 2, Barbaricicans 3 Boco Juniors 2.

UNDER 14 (Northside): Strikers 3 Giants 0, Hotshots 2 Europe 0, Eagles 5 Tigers 1, Allstars 7 Flyers 0.

UNDER 12A (Northside): Strikers 2 Wanderers 0, Tigers 4 Socceroos 0, Eagles 2 Lobos 0.

UNDER 12B (Northside): Lions 6 Dazzlers 0, Hobos 3 Megasta 0.

UNDER 12A (Southside): Naroma Homes 4 Arrows 1, Arthur Young 1 Cobras 1, Green Machine 1 Warriors 0, Arthur Young 9 Arrows 0.

UNDER 12B (Southside): Individuals 0 Wannibahs 0, Cool Cats 2 Whiz Kids 0, Hooligans 1 Bruisers 0, Blues 7 Defenders 0.

UNDER 11: Crocks 2 Panthers 0, Tigers 3 Hawks 0, Wobblers 4 Wolves 0, Leopards 2 Bandits 0.

UNDER 10 (Northside): Eagles 4 Gunners 1, Falcons 1 Hawks 0, Mares 3 Cats 0.

UNDER 10A (Southside): Dinamos 4 Eagles 0, Gators 0 St John Vianney 0, Buffalos 0 Panthers 1.

UNDER 10B (Southside): Holder Homes 1 Sharpshooters 1, Kiwals 1 Knockouts 1, Holder Harriers 1 Scorpions 1, Pandas 1 Kangaroos 0.

UNDER 8 (Northside): Jets 2 Cardinals 0, Drummers 2 Leprechauns 0.

UNDER 8 (Southside): Bombers 5 Magicians 4, Cheetahs 3 Garfield 0, Devils 4 Teepees 0, Aussies 9 Pandas 0.

odds. Star defender Jim Harkins pulled out of the squad two days before with a knee injury, other players declared themselves unavailable for the trip and the side included Pascual Figueroa from fourth division Latino America, who had not met most of his team mates until he stepped on the bus.

He turned in an excellent performance on the left wing, and the little Chilean is likely to be a target for some of the bigger clubs now that his talents have been revealed.

There was a dream start for the visitors. With only seconds on the clock big Jack Doherty collected the ball in front of goal and coolly chipped it over the head of Latrobe goalkeeper Ken Halkett.

Five minutes later Colin Johnstone had a glorious chance to make it 2-0 but skewed his shot wide.

Latrobe never got a grip on its defensive game but was dangerous moving the ball forward as was clearly demonstrated in the first three minutes of the second half.

The man who did the damage was former Irish League player Tom Leckey, who twice took advantage of defensive errors to give his side an unexpected lead.

But it didn't last long. Figueroa took a corner, two defenders missed it but John Forova didn't and the visitors were level.

Forova's next goal was gift. He sent a friendly header goalwards. It seemed a routine save for Halkett but instead he dropped the ball and could not recover it in time before it bounced over the line.

And Doherty put the match beyond doubt when he ran on to a per-

fect Figueroa pass to hit the ball hard and low into the net.

Defender Lino de Angelis had the last say in the game, capping a quiet, hardworking performance with a run



MARKO PERINOVIC



AUGUSTO PALACIOS (Canberra Griffins)

up the middle and a neat shot for the ACT's fifth.

LATROBE VALLEY: Halkett, Marks (Fenn 57), McWalters, R Tanti, Cassar, Di Gulio, Gauci, Leckey, Doyle, Clark, V Tanti.

ACT: Watson, Collins, De Angelis, Baxter, Holcroft, Florese, Doherty, Shaw, Forova, Johnston (Wiseman 53), Figueroa (Zelic 70).

FEDERATION CUP BEING REVAMPED

THE ACT League structure will remain much the same next season, an Assembly of Clubs meeting decided.

However, the Federation Cup format will be extended to meet complaints that there are not enough matches in the season under the current eight-team division set-up.

The Cup has been as a straight knock-out, guaranteeing just one game for a club beaten in the first round.

It will now be divided into eight groups of four teams, with the teams in each group playing each other on a home-and-away basis.

The eight winners will then go forward to knock-out rounds to find an eventual champion.

A similar competition will be set up for reserve teams.

ACTSF secretary Lyndall Jennings said the new arrangement would increase from 15 to 20 the number of full-season games guaranteed each club.

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FINE, BOND FOR LATINO

FOURTH division Latino America has been fined a total of \$200 and placed on a \$1000 bond following incidents which led to its match with Canberra City being abandoned on September 26.

A meeting of the ACT Senior League Management Committee heard evidence about the abandonment following alleged violent play on the part of Latino America and the club's apparent use of a player who was not on the match card.

ACTSF secretary Lyndall Jennings said the club had been fined \$50 for the match card offence and \$150 for the incidents which led to the game's abandonments, and must post a \$1000 good behaviour bond.

"This money will be forfeited should the club be found guilty of any similar incidents in the next two years," she said.

The fines and bond must be paid by November 30 if the club wants to compete again next season.

ACT REPS U19 WIN

A HAT-TRICK by Peter John DiMichiel helped the ACT League Under 19 side to a 4-0 win over Latrobe Youth.

DiMichiel, raiding forward from midfield with devastating effect, showed his versatility - his first was a header, the second an almost too casual sidefoot and the third a deceptive lob which drifted lazily into the net.

Cameron Tully opened the scoring for the ACT after being set up by Ned Zelic, and the nearest Latrobe came to scoring was early in the second half when David Cairns broke through with the help of a deflection only for goalkeeper David Cortice to move smartly out and drag the ball off his feet.

LATROBE VALLEY: Huizer, Cassar, S. Tanti, Walsh, Herriot, Baldaccino, Boyes, Benzina, Cairns, D. Tanti (M. Tanti 70), Wicman.

ACT: Cortice, Campbell, Rankine, Heidemanns, Wilson, Tully, DiMichiel, Wiseman, Roberts, Zelic, Mosley.

In addition, Jennings said three Latino American players had been dealt with, Pascual Figueroa, whose name appeared on the match card although he was not playing on the day, had been exonerated; Manuel Flores, who was sent off, must serve the normal automatic penalty; Jose Silva, who was sent off while playing under the name of Figueroa, will be required to appear before the league's disciplinary committee with the recommendation he be suspended from playing soccer for three years.



MICHAEL WISEMAN (Belconnen)

Jennings said that it had been noted that Silva made no attempt to hide his identity after the send-off ruling and had given his correct name to the referee.

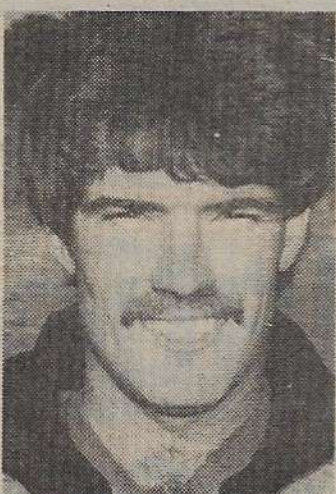
Allegations of rough and foul play against third division Goulburn 85 were also investigated.

The complaint, made by Wanderers after a game on September 5, was one of a number made against the club this season, Jennings said.

"The committee decided to take no action at present but will warn Goulburn that further complaints could lead to the club being charged with bringing the game into disrepute," she said.

CCAE has won back the top four trophy it first won on the field then lost for allegedly fielding an ineligible player in the game.

The College won the



JOHN WALSH

match 2-1 but after a protest from opponent Belconnen United was deemed to have played an ineligible player, Frank Palombi. The trophy was then awarded to United.

CCAE took the case to The Federation's Protest and Disputes Tribunal which ruled that as Palombi was reserve grade vice-captain he had obviously played the majority of games in that competition; that his name was not on a list of ineligible players provided by the league; and that checks by the College with the Federation office had drawn assurances of Palombi's eligibility.

The tribunal then rules that the original result should stand," Jennings said.

WOMEN'S OCEANIA POSTPONED

NEXT season's Oceania Women's Soccer Cup is likely to be postponed for 12 months following news that a Pilot World Cup competition will be held in Canton, China from June 1/12.

AWSA executive director Heather Reid said that both Australia and New Zealand would be involved in the Canton tournament — a prelude to the first official Women's World Cup in 1990.

"We cannot ask our leading players to give up time and money for the Taiwan trip, then the Pilot World Cup, followed by the Oceania Cup a month later — and then expect them to turn out in the Australian Championships in Newcastle next September," she said.

"Postponing the Oceania Cup makes sense as there are no major tournaments in 1989 — but, of course, it means that we will go yet another year without seeing the national side compete on its own soil.

"It is annoying that these decisions are being made without supporting information from either the Asian Football Confederation or FIFA.

"We need to know now, for instance, what financial support is being offered nations competing in China."

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AUSTRALIAN INDOOR PAGE

MEET THE CANDY CAPERS

THE Candy Capers dancers are creating quite an impression at Fairfield Leisure Centre games.



Leading scorer in the James Hardie NSL and leader of the Buffalo Player of the Year, Siska Filipovic of Gridline Eagles surrounded by the Candy Capers Dance Group prior to the kick-off in a recent match.

The talented dancers are: Dianne Kerr — has been dancing for 15 years and works part time at the Blacktown Workers Club. Corinne Campbell — works as a clerk at the ASE Union in Granville and also as a part time dancing teacher for Candy Capers Dance Academy. Cathy McLoughlin — is a computer operator who has eight years professional dancing behind her. Leanne Page — is an insurance clerk with 14 years dance experience. Maxine Loring — is a full time student in her last year of High School who has been dancing for six years.

INDOOR Soccer has been included in the extensive Aussie Sport programme for 1988 — a tremendous breakthrough for the development of the sport in junior areas.

PARRAMATTA Spartans Frank Speranza is rumoured to be seeking a move to Sydney Tornadoes.

SYDNEY TOYOTA Tornadoes' manager Benny Pinchas has disclosed that the two-time JHNISL champions will be definitely off to Israel in February for a series of challenge matches.

Pinchas says: "The Israelis are very keen to have us there." As to whether the Tornadoes go as national champions depends if they can overcome the Gridline Eagles and

stave off Perth Cougars.

INTERESTING to hear that second placed Sydney Tornadoes and fifth placed Lotto All-stars are sharing the splendid facilities at the State Sports Centre in Homebush in training.

The two sides train there twice a week and more often than not go at a practice match every week.



FAIRFIELD ADVANCE LEAGUE

THE Fairfield Advance Newspaper U13 Indoor Representative League kicked off on Sunday 26th October with a great fanfare and closely fought games, with teams representing the Sydney Region and the Illawarra Indoor Soccer Association.

Before a capacity crowd the teams marched into the hall behind their banners as each one was introduced.

AISF President Joe Brent addressed the crowd and players and commented that this assembly of youngsters was the first step in a five year plan to breed future NISL players.

Mr Brent said that our game is an Australian game, and that his Federation wanted to see young Australians come through the ranks to the top and play in future NISL.

He added that the AISF as a matter of policy did not wish to import overseas players to play for Australia or in NISL competitions.

In his address he said to the young players that by the time they were old enough to play NISL the League would be fully professionalised, and they could look forward to a career in Indoor Soccer.

ENTHUSIASM

The atmosphere was absolutely electrifying with the games being played before a highly enthusiastic full house, who cheered and encouraged throughout all the four games played.

The yellow card was flashed around with gay abandon and a top official was ordered from the bench by a rattled referee, to the

great delight of the crowd.

The James Hardie NISL dancers, the Candy Capers, performed in lovely costumes more in keeping with the dress that one would see on a Rio beach, much to the delight of all those who appreciate loveliness in art form.

Team Coaches and Managers must be congratulated on the performance of the players, not only in the skillful manner that the great game of Indoor Soccer was played, but also in the discipline and conduct throughout the evening.

Alderman Sam Mavizio, representing Fairfield Council, spoke on behalf of the Mayor.

Representing the sponsors, the Fairfield Advance Newspaper, was Mr Brian Curtin who made a formal presentation of his company's cheque to AISF president Joe Brent.

MACKAY INDOOR

MACKAY has been leading the way in North Queensland in indoor soccer for the last two years, but now it seems it will have competition, which is excellent for the sport.

Two months ago it kicked off in Gladstone. It is now being played in Clermont and Townsville. Moranbah and Rockhampton are to follow shortly.

THE national president of the Australian Indoor Soccer Association Mr Joe Brent will be accompanying Johnny Warren on his three-day stay in Mackay.

Johnny will be coaching at schools

BEGINS

throughout the district as well as at Soccer World. He will be doing promotional work at Canelands Shopping Centre and the Kooyong Hotel. He will also be guest speaker at the Mackay Indoor Soccer Association's inaugural dinner to be held at the 500 Pavilion this Friday.

TIRED bodies will be the order of the day after the 48 hours non-stop Indoor Soccer sponsored marathon which kicks off at the Centre on Friday night and goes through to Sunday night.

Monies raised will go to help the players who will be taking part at the national titles in Canberra in January 1988.

A sponsored night was held at Soccer World on the weekend. The night was arranged by Sharon Wright, one of the Association's senior players.

All the sponsors in the Senior Ladies League were entertained with some fine games of indoor soccer. Eats and drinks were provided by the teams taking part.

NATIONAL Director of Coaching Nick Nicolopoulos just back from a four day promotional/coaching visit to Bundaberg.

Coaching clinics for schoolboys, the James Hardie NISL team Bundaberg Canecutters and the womens organisation were among the successful "spreading the gospel" work for Nick.

AN ACT Invitation under 15 team will travel to New Zealand later next month to play Auckland in a three game series.

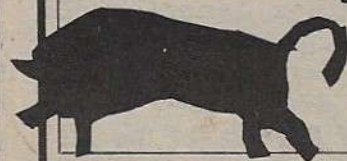
The ACT team, managed by Charlie King and coached by Gary Rice is: Andrew Wallace, Tony Polak, Stephen Bucat, Matthew Haigh, Brenton Mikk, Jason Lancsar, Tuan Tran, Phillip Rice, Craig Rutter, John Marquez, Paul Roberts and Nasi Georgestatis.

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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| GRIDLINE Eagles | 14 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 119 | 51 | 26 |
| SYDNEY Tornadoes | 13 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 84 | 29 | 24 |
| PERTH Cougars | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 117 | 64 | 21 |
| PARRAMATTA Spartans | 15 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 86 | 67 | 18 |
| LOTTO Allstars | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 54 | 36 | 18 |
| CANBERRA Rockets | 16 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 81 | 89 | 15 |
| CANBERRA Strikers | 16 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 118 | 94 | 13 |
| ILLAWARRA Stingers | 14 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 59 | 61 | 10 |
| THOMASTOWN Twisties | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 52 | 61 | 10 |
| GEELONG CC's Cats | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 57 | 68 | 10 |
| BRISBANE Bombers | 16 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 48 | 115 | 4 |
| BUNDABERG C'cutters | 13 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 28 | 167 | 2 |

This weeks results

Gridline Eagles 6 Sydney Tornadoes 5
Illawarra Stingers 5 Geelong CC's 1
Perth Cougars 8 Thomastown Crushers 2
Canberra Rockets 8 Geelong CC's 7
Lotto Allstars 5 Parramatta Spartans 3
Bundaberg Canecutters 4 Brisbane Bombers 3
Geelong CC's 6 Canberra Strikers 5

BUFFALO TopScorers

The Sharpshooters

53 Radovan Filipovic (Eagles)
40 Zoran Antanasovski (Cougars)
37 Jim Kanaridis (Strikers)
32 Robbie Noggler (CC's)
31 Billy Stewart (Strikers)
26 Carlos Akkary (Spartans)
23 Zoran Blazic (Eagles)
23 Michael Roki (Cougars)
21 Emil Maracic (Rockets)
21 Vince Nastoski (Eagles)
20 John Metaxas (Twisties)
19 Stan Dukic (Rockets)
19 Steve Knight (Tornadoes)
18 Glen Jeffery (Tornadoes)
15 Peter Dameski (Spartans)
15 Billy Willox (Strikers)

BUFFALO PLAYER OF THE YEAR

28 — Radovan Filipovic (Eagles)
25 — Robbie Noggler (CC's)
16 — Steve Knight (Tornadoes)
14 — Zoran Blazic (Eagles)
13 — Billy Stewart (Strikers)
13 — Jim Kanaridis (Strikers)
13 — Stan Dukic (Rockets)
13 — Vlado Strafela (Cougars)
11 — Carlos Akkary (Spartans)
11 — John Metaxas (Twisties)
11 — Michael Roki (Cougars)
10 — Peter Dameski (Spartans)

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: Friday 6th November

Gridline Eagles v Parramatta Spartans at Fairfield

Saturday 7th November

Lotto Allstars v Perth Cougars at Fairfield

Sydney Tornadoes v Illawarra Stingers at Fairfield

Brisbane Bombers v Geelong CC's at Chandler, Carrara Stadium

Bundaberg Canecutters v Thomastown Crushers at B'berg

Sunday 8th November

Sydney Tornadoes v Perth Cougars at Fairfield

Lotto Allstars v Illawarra Stingers at Fairfield

Bundaberg Canecutters v Geelong CC's at B'berg

Brisbane Bombers v Thomastown Crushers at Chandler

Kick-Off times for JHNISL matches.

FRIDAYS: 7.15PM AND 8.30PM
SATURDAYS: 7.15PM AND 8.30PM
SUNDAYS: 10.00AM AND 11.00AM

GRIDLINE EAGLES 6 (Filipovic 4, Nastoski and Blagojevic)

SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADOES 5 (Erkin Osman 2, Stuart, Lembryk and Erjan Osman)

at Fairfield Leisure Centre

It was billed as the match of the year and did not let anyone down!

The Tornadoes shot to the front after just sixty seconds through Robbie Stuart but the Eagles replied in the sixth minute when Vince Nastoski fired a drive beyond Craig Carlisle.

John Lembryk restored the Tornadoes lead soon after but Gridline's star Radovan Filipovic, who for the first ten minutes hadn't got a look in via Stuart's attention, had the teams on level terms at 2-2.

Carlisle was then called on to deny Nastoski twice in superb fashion before Filipovic blasted in a free-kick after Mirko Radosavljevic had dummied. The Eagles went into the break leading 4-2 after Filipovic completed his hat-trick with another magnificently struck free-kick that beat Carlisle through the narrowest of angles.

Erkin Osman pegged one back soon after the restart for the home side but then Anthony Cassar, who had replaced Lembryk and had played a big part in the goal, was sent from the field by

young referee Mark Cotter for dissent.

The Tornadoes seemed to be affected by this and the Eagles added two more to take the score to 6-3 with the Sydney boys looking down and out.

But then with just a couple of minutes remaining the brothers Osman, Erkin and Erjan pounced and had the score at 5-6. To add the icing to a breathtaking sixty seconds Radosavljevic was sent off for a foul on the brace scoring Osman.

Despite all their pressure the Tornadoes were unable to force the draw but have vowed revenge for the return on November 21 — a date for any sport lover's diary!

Eagles: Rodic, Blazic, Radosavljevic, Filipovic, Nastoski. Subs: Blagojevic, Antic and Curcic.

Tornadoes: Carlisle, Knight, Stuart, Lembryk, Jeffery. Subs: Cassar, Erjan Osman, Erkin Osman, Tour.

BUFFALO Points: 2 Radovan Filipovic (GE) 2 Mirko Radosavljevic (GE) 1 Vince Nastoski (GE) 1 Craig Carlisle (STT)

BUNDABERG CANECUTTERS 4 (Trebbin 3 and Burt)

BRISBANE BOMBERS 3 (Simpson, Donsky and Beavers) at Stafford Street Stadium, Brisbane

The game was on an even keel up until half-time.

The score at the break was 1-1.

Shortly after the interval, Brisbane made a quick break by scoring two goals but rather than give up, the Bundy boys fought back with three quick goals in five minutes.

Congratulations to Bundaberg who fought off the criticism and put together a gutsy victory. They have been hanging in there and never gave up. It would have been easy to throw in the towel. It's a credit to the Canecutters who have a nothing to loss attitude and were by far the better team and deserved the victory. Great character was shown.

Bundaberg: Trebbin, Burt, Walk, Finger, Hillocks. Subs: Wilkinson, Giovannoni. Brisbane: Barnard, Melville, MacClure, Simpson, Beavers. Subs: Donsky, Armstrong, Sharrock.

3 Danny Walk (BC) 2 Neil Trebbin (BC) 1 Brett Burt (BC)

GEELONG CC CATS 6 (Noggler 4, Dimovski and Uljar) b CANBERRA STRIKERS 5 (Jadric 3, Stewart and Kanaridis).

at Dickson College, Canberra
AFTER finishing on the losing side the previous night, Robbie Noggler still managed to lead the CC's to a brilliant 6-5 win over the Canberra Strikers in what proved one of many upsets of the weekend.

With Noggler finishing off everything in sight and

stand-in captain, goalkeeper Lucky Inturrisi saving everything else, the usually desperately unlucky Cats grabbed a well deserved win.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Robbie Noggler (GC) 2 Lucky Inturrisi (GC) 1 Ivan Jadric (CS)

PERTH COUGARS 8 (Roki 3, Z. Antanasovski 2, Strafela, B. Antanasovski and Kantor) THOMASTOWN CRUSHERS 2 (Metaxas and F. Carvalho) at Perry Lakes Stadium

The Perth Cougars consolidated third place in the JHNISL when Thomastown Twisties Crushers were entertained at Perry Lakes Stadium and spanked 8-2.

Once again the packed indoor venue marvelled to the class of skipper Vlado Strafela, Michael Roki and the Antanasovski brothers — Zoran and Boris.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Vlado Strafela (PC) 1 Boris Antanasovski (PC) 1 Michael Roki (PC) 1 Fortunato Carvalho (TTC)

ILLAWARRA STINGERS (Mathias 2, Wunsch, Cabanas and Skerteski) GEELONG CC's CATS (Fopiani) at Wollongong Uni

The Stingers played their best Soccer of the season and finished well in cracking five goals.

At the break the home side was up 1-0 through Phil Mathias who linked up well with Bobby Tupancheski to score IMB's most spectacular goal to date.

During the second half the Stingers found the net four times and were bubbling with confidence.

Geelong's Lucky Inturrisi had an outstanding game in goals and was responsible for keeping the score in check.

BUFFALO Points: 2 Phil Mathias (IMB) 2 Tommy Cabanas (IMB) 1 John Bingham (IMB) 1 Lucky Inturrisi (GCC)

CANBERRA ROCKETS 8 (Not available) GEELONG CC's 7 (Noggler 7)

LOTTO ALLSTARS 5 (Gilligan 2, Sutherland, White and Ross) PARRAMATTA SPARTANS 3 (Akkary 2 and Silva) at Fairfield

GEELONG CC's CATS HAD THREE TOUGH AWAY MATCHES AT THE WEEKEND IN THE JHNISL. ON FRIDAY NIGHT THE CATS LOST 5-1 TO THE ILLAWARRA STRIKERS IN WOLLONGONG. JOE FOPIANI, MAKING HIS DEBUT FOR THE CATS, HIT THE POST IN THE FIRST HALF, BUT ILLAWARRA WENT AHEAD BEFORE THE BREAK. THE CATS WERE SEVERELY PENALISED BY THE REFEREE IN THE SECOND HALF WITH DINKO ULJAR AND EDDIE RADOJEVIC EVENTUALLY RECEIVING BLUE CARDS. AS A RESULT, IMB GAINED MOST OF ITS GOALS FROM FREE-KICKS, THOUGH FOPIANI PULLED ONE BACK FOR THE VISITORS.

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ON SATURDAY, THE CC's CATS PLAYED CANBERRA ROCKETS AT THE INSTITUTE OF SPORT. THE GAME WAS DOMINATED BY AN INCREDIBLE PERFORMANCE FROM STAR STRIKER ROBBIE NOGGLER WHO SCORED ALL SEVEN OF THE CAT'S GOALS, YET STILL MANAGED TO FINISH ON THE LOSING SIDE. CATS WERE STILL AHEAD 7-6 WITH ONLY A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO PLAY, BUT THE HOME TEAM FOUGHT BACK AND SCORED TWICE IN THAT TIME TO WIN 8-7. CAPTAIN-COACH STEVE RADOJEVIC, DESCRIBED NOGGLER'S EFFORT AS THE "BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE BY ANY SPORTSMAN IN ANY SPORT I HAVE EVER SEEN."

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VICTORY FINALLY CAME AROUND ON SUNDAY AGAINST THE POWERFUL CANBERRA STRIKERS AT DICKSON COLLEGE WHERE THE CATS RAN OUT WINNERS 6-5. NOGGLER SCORED FOUR TIMES WITH DINKO ULJAR AND GEORGE DIMOVSKI ADDING THE EXTRAS. STEVE RADOJEVIC PLAYED DESPITE HIS ANKLE LIGAMENT PROBLEMS AND THE CATS CAN HOLD THEIR HEADS HIGH AFTER THEIR GUTSY EFFORTS.



Tornadoes' GLEN JEFFERY shield the ball from Eagles midfielder ZORAN BLAZIC. Pic — Michael Sara.

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SYDNEY
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TORNADOES

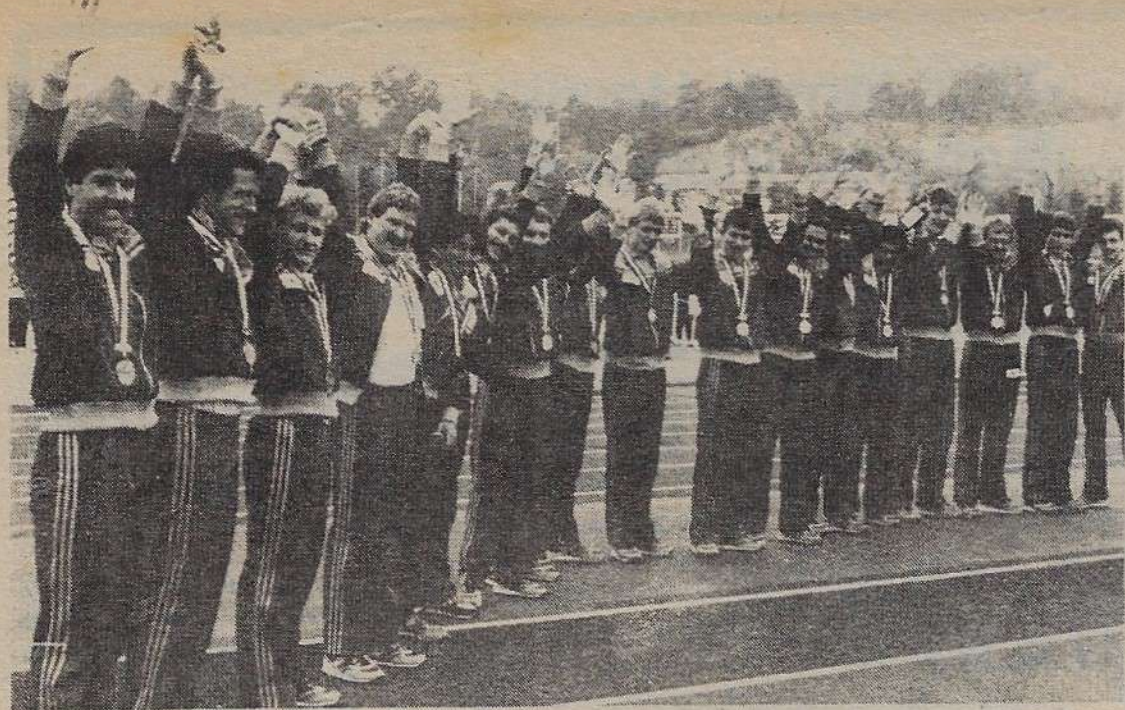


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AUSTRALIAN DEAF Soccer squad — runners-up to Korea in the 1986 Asia/Pacific Deaf Football Championship held in Kyoto, Japan.



BARRY KNAPMAN
Head coach
Australian Deaf

AN Australian Deaf Soccer squad and officials were at the Parklea Soccer Complex for a training weekend from October 3/5 and for selection of the Australian Deaf Soccer team.

The squad consists of 27 players, and matches were arranged by Alan Vest of the NSW Soccer Federation against other teams.

The head coach of the Australian Deaf Soccer team, Barry Knapman from NSW and the coach, Paul Burrowes of Queensland, will select the team of 22 players who will take part in the 3rd Asia/Pacific Deaf Football championship to be played in Melbourne next Easter.

Competitors from eight countries will participate in the championship and those countries are Korea, Hong Kong, Iran, New Zealand, Japan, Malaysia, Kuwait and Australia.

The first and second placed teams in this championship will go on to compete in the World Games for the Deaf which

will take place in New Zealand in January, 1989.

An Australian deaf soccer team has previously competed in the 1st and 2nd Asia/Pacific Deaf Football Championship and on both occasions was runner-up to Korea. The 1st Asia/Pacific Deaf Championship took place in Hong Kong in 1984 and the 2nd Asia/Pacific Deaf Football Championship took place in Japan in 1986.

Australia is confident of winning in the next championship and going on to compete in the World Games for the deaf.

The team will have 10 days training at the Australian Institute of Sport prior to the championship next year.

The Deaf Soccer Federation of Australia was formed in 1978 and comprises of three States being Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales and is affiliated with the Australian Deaf Sports Federation.

In Victoria the club is known as the Kew Deaf Soccer Club and plays in competition under the Industrial and Amateur Soccer League of Victoria.

In New South Wales the club is known as Metropolitan Deaf Soccer Club and plays under the Bankstown Soccer Association.

In Queensland the club

ASIA/PACIFIC DEAF CHAMPIONSHIP IN MELBOURNE



MATTHEW VEALE
Secretary
Australian Deaf

is known as the Queensland Deaf Soccer Club and plays under the Brisbane Church Soccer Association.

The Deaf Soccer Federation of Australia is in need of support for this championship next year and any donations to help towards the team's travel and accommodation expenses may be sent to me, Matthew Veale, D.S.F.A. Secretary, C/- Victorian Deaf Society, 101 Wellington Parade South, East Melbourne, Vic. 3002.

COUNTRY ENTHUSIAST RETIRES

BORDER District enthusiast Frank Finlay has decided to retire from writing country Soccer news.

For four years he kept up a supply of information on his home Albury-Wodonga area as well as top country juniors generally.

In six years he has raised \$30,000 for Soccer for sponsorships and donations, \$8,000 of which was for direct support for country boys to assist them improve their football.

It is a remarkable record, and ASW wishes him and his wife and family all the best for future years.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS (VIC)



BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS YOUTH TEAM (left to right), back row: Claudio Korlovic (coach), John Di Quinzio (masseur), Frank Firmani (official), Paolo Martinucci, Robert Carraro (most improved), Giuseppe Sonsini (former star player), Paul Della Rocca, Fausto De Amicis, Roberto Giandomenico (best clubman), Paolo Borin, John Kapolitsas, Romano Falcone (team manager). Front row: Fabio Palleschi, Joe Montemurro, Gino Colarco, Tony Palleschi (top scorer), Gino Falcone (best and fairest), Tony Polzella.



BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS U18 (left to right), back row: Gino Trani (official), Emilio Di Fiore (team manager), Vine Barca, John Colangeli, Roberto De Matteo (equal best & fairest), Renato Di Fiore (most improved), Frank Lizio, Enzo Marano, Matthew Marinucci, Aldo Vesnaver (coach); front row: Angelo Demou, Robert Turi, Tom Sonsini, Michael Vesnaver (equal best and fairest), Pat Giaccherini (top scorer with 26 goals), Paul Metsois, Peter McKinnon. PHOTOS: ERMES BERGAGNA.



BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS U14 winners of the VSF Cup, Thomastown Cup and hot favourites to take out the prestigious "Lazzari Cup" being played as part of the "Junior Italian Cup". Back row: I to r: Giovanni Alessi (team manager), Roberto Alessi, Michael Melideo, Fabio Giusti, Michael Nasso, Andrea Muccio (captain) Andrea Belia, Giovanni Giuliani (masseur), Riccardo Tiatto (coach); front row: Filippo Squadrito, Rocco Caputo, Mauro Raso, Danny Tiatto, Tony Giuliano, Michael Mazzini.

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 22nd Under 15s and 16s.
TUESDAY OCTOBER 27th Under 13s and 14s.
THURSDAY OCTOBER 29th Under 15s and 16s.
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3rd Under 13s and 14s.
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5th Under 15s and 16s.

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SYDNEY BRANCH'S BIG DECISION

RUSHY'S CORNER

THIS weekend the Sydney Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation will hold its

annual general meeting. The various members entitled to vote will be making decisions which are likely to have far reaching effects on the future of junior Soccer and indeed Soccer in general.

Uppermost in everyone's mind is the decision regarding U16s and 17s in 1988 Youth League.

As I see it there are four possible methods of organising the age groups and they are as follows:

1) Leave the Youth League as it is i.e. U13s, 14s, 15s, 16s. The prob-

lems with this setup are well documented as there is a large stepping stone from U16 to U19s.

I do however believe that it may be best to leave this as it is for 1988 and introduce any new system in 1989.

2) Drop the U16 competition and introduce a combined U16-17 competition.

There is no doubt in my mind that the introduction of U17s would be a step in the right direction but the U16 competition should remain as well.

The extra year of experience gained by many fringe players may be enough to see them go on to be top class players.

Eventually some will fall by the wayside. However, the extra year would give late developers a little more time to catch up.

3) Include U17s and leave out the U13s by playing them in metropolitan reps.

I have yet to be convinced that this is a viable alternative.

There has been comment that U13s are too young for Youth League and the pressures Youth League brings. However by playing them in the metropolitan competition, the players will be playing on both Saturday with their respective clubs and then again on Sunday for the Association in a competition which is not that much different from Youth League, hence the pressures will be similar.

Surely to take "pressure" off players they should be playing less not more. They must also receive coaching from coaches who are hopefully qualified.

One of the major problems our young players have is deciding what is correct information when

they receive conflicting advice from their respective coaches.

4) I feel that the best method of organisation would be U13s, U14s, U15s, U16s, and U17s introduced in 1989.

This would give all clubs an opportunity to be properly organised and no players would be disadvantaged by the change.

The only problem would appear to be at Association level, where some Associations claim they would not be able to find the extra players.

For those Associations in outlying areas this is a fair claim however.

One of the largest Associations has also made this claim. While I agree that they do have trouble filling their U16 team already, it is their own fault as they do not actively promote the Youth League within the

Association and therefore many potential players are never seen.

Maybe with the introduction of both 16s and 17s it would force these Associations to get their house in order and in the long term, the players would be the ones to benefit.

It should be noted that the majority of these larger Associations are well organised, and the extra team would not cause them any problems.

RAVENS' BIG SEASON



Back row: l to r: Shanne Roberts, David Little, Brad McIndoe, Paul Purcell, Carlos Guajardo, Brad Durham, Simon Lynch. Front: l to r: Terry Gibbons (coach), Tim Neate, Stephen Roberts, Joe Purcell (manager), Brad Wailles, Aaron Brown, Clive Roberts (asst coach), Kippa (mascot). Absent: Chris Waters, Matthew Garside.

GLADESVILLE Ravens Under 15 Division I team completed a successful season by reaching the final of the NSW Champion Of Champions. Earlier, the team won their premiership in the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association and their grand final 2-0.

The team was strengthened by the return to the club of four players from the high pressures of Youth League.

Together with the other nine players, the boys performed well as a unit and thoroughly enjoyed their season.

They were by no means disgraced in the Champion of Champions final, going down 0-3 to the strong Warilla Team. Congratulations to the Warilla players, coach and manager on their win.



A FINE action shot of Martin Rosser on the ball, playing for Barnockburn U16, who defeated favourite Berowra in the Secretary's Shield final.



HILLVUE ROVERS from Armidale have been in the last four Northern NSW State Amateur Cup finals. This year they met North Coffs Harbour Sports at Urunga. Previously, they were beaten 2-1 by Lismore Workers in 1984, won 7-0 against Charlestown United in 1985 and lost to Italo Stars of Lismore in 1986.

The 1987 squad with officials is: back, l to r: David Smith, Norm Allan, Anthony Kassis, Jim Watson (cc), Craig Hearfield, Brian Foster, Alf Small (pre-man). Front l to r: Anthony Dobson, Neville Fulwood, Andrew Pincham, Tony Shorten, Darren Rushbrook. Absent: Wayne May, Anthony Baker, Nigel Taylor, Dean Ambrose, Dion Beijeman.

RUSHY'S N.S.W. PLAYER

NAME: Adam Ciantar
BIRTHDATE: 15.3.72
HOME: Abbotsbury
PRESENT CLUB: Marconi.
PRESENT COACHES: Klaus Okon, Greg Ankudinoff, Alan Vest.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Smithfield Hotspurs.
PREVIOUS COACHES: Dad, Klaus Okon.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Fullback, midfield.
POSITIONS PLAYED: All defensive and midfield.
REP HONOURS: Under 13, 14, 15 NSW State teams.
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Glen Huddle.
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: Defeating Victoria in National champs and Metrop final.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing Mini Ampol Cup 1985 and State champs 86, 87.
OTHER SPORTS: Golf, tennis.
1988 AIMS: To excel in all aspects of the game.
LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To reach highest point in Soccer.
GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Dad, Klaus Okon, Greg Ankudinoff.



ADAM CIANTER
Club — Marconi
Prev. State Reps. 1985-86

PUTNEY TOWN'S BIG YEAR



BACK ROW: Wills, Ward, Aitken, Van Bruinessen, Salmons, Russell, Starima, Wardell, McKay. MIDDLE ROW: Hebenstreit, Gridley, Livingston, C. Young, McNamara, Hannagan, Hammond. FRONT ROW: Andrews, Vinson, Copper, M. Young, Rioldington, Fava.

THE 1987 season of the NSW Womens Soccer League has been a year of unprecedented success for Putney Town.

The year started on a good note when they took out the pre-season competition. In the WSL season proper Putney first and reserve grade teams continued their good form and after full four rounds of torrid competition both teams triumphed in their respective leagues with comfortable winning margins.

In the WSL Cup Putney first grade were runners up to Pagewood while in reserve grade they were more successful beating Wentworth 2-0.

Putney Town first grade, coached by Simon Vinson, have established an exceptional record in 1987. In addition to winning the WSL by eight points, as undefeated champions they were never behind in any of 19 competition games played. The key to this success has been disciplined defence, the ability to keep possession of the ball, and goal hungry forwards.

Sweeper and captain Rose Van Bruinessen has added to stability to the back four that was missing last season. Marie Russell (who is also responsible for coaching the reserve grade team) has had an excellent season at left back.

A young and energetic midfield ensured that Putney's deadly forward line had plenty of ball, Carol Vinson (WSL top goal scorer) and Janine Riddington scored most of Putney's goals - an excellent performance by this striking duo.

The Putney reserve grade team, beaten only once in 19 competition games, showed great spirit and determination to take out the reserve grade competition by six points.

Again the key to success was the discipline of the team as a defensive unit, a credit the aggression of the back four and the coaching of Marie Russell.

17 year old Cathy Young, in her first WSL season, has improved with every game, Lisa Hammond has battled hard all year and Sue Ward achieved a personal milestone by finishing the season as the top goal scorer for WSL reserve grade.



VICTORIA

**Dandy wins
womens cup**

THE V.W.S.A. Cup final between North Dandenong (the 1987 League champions) and Coburg (the defending cup

winners), saw North Dandenong run out 3-2 winners.

In the fourth minute a shot from Dandenong rebounded off the post only to fall at the feet of the League's top goal scorer, Jane Oakley, who very swiftly pushed the ball past the stranded Coburg keeper for a 1-0 lead.

Coburg were awarded a penalty following a push in the back by a Dandenong defender when a free kick nicely placed past the keeper by Coburg's Shona Bass caused desperate tactics.

The penalty was well taken by Janine McPhee.

Despite some excellent work by the Coburg defenders, especially Carolyn Monk, the 30th minute saw Jane Oakley score a second goal. A well placed cross from Debbie Nichols took the keeper off the line and Jane finished off with a diving header. The half-time score was 2-1.

Later Tracey Hodge of Coburg practically kicked the ball from the keeper's hands to the awaiting Jane Oakley, who scored what must have been the easiest goal of the season to make a hat-trick. The score then stood at 3-1.

In the 70th minute North Dandenong gave away another penalty and Janine McPhee scored. With the score now at 3-2 Coburg saw a change to come back and in the last 15 minutes of the game pushed forward strongly, but the final score remained 3-2 and a jubilant North Dandenong won the Cup for the first time.

The best players were Jane Oakley (North Dandenong) and Carolyn Monk (Coburg).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MIDLAND SPONSORS

A NEW Senior Amateur Soccer League has been formed in Perth and will go into action on April 10 1988.

Top referees will control matches and clubs will play for a Silver Cup made available by the Midland Echo newspaper at Swan View.

The league is open to any club within 30km of Guildford. Information is available from Chris Godfrey on 2943923.

BETTER TECHNIQUE
VITAL-SCHEINFLUG

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AUSTRALIA'S World Youth Cup performance in Chile demonstrates the need for greater concentration on technique.

Coach Les Scheinflug put this subject at the top of his list when reviewing the lessons of the tour.

After defeating Togo 2-0, Australia slumped to a 4-0 loss to ultimate winners Yugoslavia and also lost 2-0 to host nation Chile.

Sain Scheinflug: "The other main point concerns our referees. They must rule out brutal tackles and not allow players to be cut down. If these tactics are resorted to, then the culprits must receive the ultimate penalty."

In Chile, Australia's strong physical attributes went for naught, a touch on an opponent brought a yellow card.

National League experience is vital to players in future Young Socceroo sides.

"John Koch and Jason Polak just didn't have the experience,

playing as they were for the AIS in the Victorian State League," he declared.

But overall, he wasn't disappointed with his players, saying that the presence of Yugoslavia (winners) and Chile (fourth) showed that Australia's was the toughest group.

Kurt Reynolds was tops, according to Scheinflug.

"Other national coaches said that Kurt could play anywhere in Europe right now," he stated.

"Right-back David Healey was a great success and striker Alistair Edwards went extremely well also.

"Players like Jason van Blerk and George Kulcsar showed their qualities also.

"Brilliant players like Paul Trimboli and Abbas Saad were so closely marked. Our guns couldn't fire - we were choked out."

Perhaps it could have been different with a more constructive midfield.

Scheinflug wasn't happy with a South American linesman in the Chile game, feeling that he was

ready to pounce and an elbow from Kulcsar gave him the opportunity he wanted.

"Even with 10 players we created chances," he said.

But composure in teams such as Yugoslavia, West Germany, East Germany and Chilea was unreal.

All their youngsters were First Division regulars and some had also scaled the heights of the

European Cup.

Yugoslavia's No.9 Robert Prosimecki was a playmaker and defence splitter rolled into one.

"My final piece of advice is that future Australian Youth squads must play in both Europe and South America if we are to improve.

"Top support is needed so that we can handle the styles that matter in the long run," Scheinflug concluded.



AUSTRALIA'S PAUL TRIMBOLI goes up for a header against Togo during the Young Socceroo's 2-0 win in Chile. Watching is Alistair Edwards.

WEEK 2 — PREVENTION OF INJURIES

INDOOR SOCCER

UNDERSTANDING YOUR FEET

BY ARTHUR MANNING

THIS week we will cover some chronic (over a long duration) injuries arising from lack of knowledge about the feet.

To coaches and players, at your next training or game night, have a back view of the players in the team and check the angle of the feet and ankles in relation to the leg.

You will find some players that walk over on the inside of their shoes. So what, you say, I have done that for years and I haven't suffered — yet.

These players don't seem to show much concern, but because they are running, jumping, landing on one leg, sudden stopping and pounding one foot on the floor in dummy runs — now is the time to show some concern.

This walking over on the inside of the foot is called pronation.

Walking over on the outside of the foot is called supination, and along with fallen arches or too high an arch in the feet can have some very detrimental effects on the feet, ankles, shin bones, knees, thighs, hip and lower back.

In simplified form this is how it all works. You may play an outdoor sport on grass and that in itself is a form of suspension when your foot strikes the ground in running or jumping.

ARTHUR Manning is an accredited sports trainer with the Australian Sports Medicine Federation, trainer of the Australian women's squad to tour New Zealand in Nov-Dec 1987, and currently trainer with Sydney Lotto Allstars in the 1987 James Hardie NISL.

But transpose that considerably soft grass for an unsuspended wooden or cement floor.

If you consider the well-aligned foot striking the ground with the weight of the body on top of it plus the speed at which you are travelling, there is an enormous amount of force transmitted up through the leg, hip and spine.

In the normal biomechanics of the legs and body this force is evenly distributed, but what happens in the case of the pronated feet.

Consider the body weight velocity placed upon the pronated foot as it strikes the floor and the first thing that happens is that it pronates even further, the ankle turns inward, then the shin bone

starts to internally rotate and as you bring your other leg around in front of the leg on the ground (as in running), the hip rotates and this causes an external rotation on the thigh bone of the same leg that is on the ground and thus a twisting action in the knee.

Also torsion effects can set up in the shin bone and if you just happen to have a high arch in the foot with not enough support in the shoe, this can cause loading on the shin bone as well, as can stamping the feet on the floor.

You have no doubt heard of shin splints and stress fractures in the lower leg, well this is how most of them occur.

They are not injuries that occur suddenly like a twisted ankle, but are a chronic or overuse injury and may not occur until a few years have passed.

There is no known cure yet for shin splints except weeks of rest and stress fractures do not always show up on x-rays. You need to have a bone scan and again weeks of rest.

By now you are most probably thinking about your immediate future in indoor sport. But if you have pronated feet it does not matter what court sport you lay, indoor or outdoor, the problem is there.

How many times have you been walking around on your feet all day and

said, "Oh, my aching feet". So don't think about giving up your sport, because your feet will ache the same walking around thinking about the days you used to play sport.

The cure for this age old problem is quite simple and inexpensive.

Look up your Yellow Pages for PODIATRISTS (feet specialist) or phone your local Sports Medicine Clinic to see if they have a podiatrist at their service.

Try and stay clear of arch supports off the shelf from chemists (even though they may seem cheap) as no two persons feet are the same.

A podiatrist will custom make a set of orthotics for your shoes. The beauty of these is that you can take them out of your sports shoes and put them into your walking out shoes.

The around about price for a set of orthotics including consultation visit and moulding I have found to vary from \$60.00 to \$75.00. By the time you claim this on Health Benefits, it turns out to be a very cheap and sure cure.

And just one last point. Make sure that your shoes are in a safe and sound condition and are a good fitting shoe.

NOTE: Orthotics may not help someone who has exceptional feet problems.

EVERTON



MOVE

ENGLISH Football League champions EVERTON have had an interesting couple of months.

Earlier this week the Merseysiders beat neighbours Liverpool in the League Cup but went down on the weekend in the local derby league match.

Meantime manager Colin Harvey has opened negotiations to sign West Ham's England international striker Tony Cottee.

Already he had been thwarted in a bid to sign Manchester United's out-of-favour front-runner Peter Davenport.

And since then things have moved at speed. Leeds manager Billy Bremner has made a \$600,000 bid for Adrian Heath, who has now virtually accepted that his career at Goodison is coming to an end.

The other news involves England Under 21 goalkeeper Bobby Mimms, who has been ousted once again by Neville Southall, the Welsh international who came back from injury earlier in the season.

Mimms 23, cost Everton \$350,000 in 1985 from Rotherham.

Spitting damage

Bulgarian international Andrej Jeliakzov has been suspended by his Belgian club Beerschot until the end of 1988 after spitting at a referee during a Belgian Cup tie. Jeliakzov had been sent-off by the ref for injuring an opponent when the incident occurred.

Mellow Fergie

Manchester United ace GORDON STRACHAN has noticed a big change in manager ALEX FERGUSON since their days together at Aberdeen.

"The boss still has high standards and is as strict as ever, but he has mellowed a lot over the years.

"And he doesn't throw cups at me in the dressing-room any more... I'm quick enough to get out of the way now!"

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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Chairman: John Smith CBE

Manager: Kenny Dalglish

Coach: Ronnie Moran

Year formed: 1892.

Honours: League Champions 1900-01, 1905-06, 1921-22, 1922-23, 1946-47, 1963-64, 1965-66, 1972-73, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1985-86;

Division Two Champions 1893-94, 1895-96, 1904-05, 1961-62; FA Cup Winners 1965, 1974, 1986; League/Milk Cup winners 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984; European Cup Winners: 1976-77, 1977-78, 1980-81, 1983-84; UEFA Cup Winners: 1972-73, 1975-76; Super Cup Winners: 1978.



Rush under pressure

Ian Rush is under pressure at Juventus with the news that the Italian club have signed Argentina's latest striking star Claudio Caniggia.

In a deal similar to Rush's with Liverpool, Caniggia will remain with his present club, River Plate, until June 1988, before his \$2 million move to Turin.

But unless the Italians lift their current two foreigners only ruling, either Rush or Dane Michael Laudrup could be forced out.

QPR Wreckers

Luton boss RAY HARFORD believes QPR's Championship challenge could be wrecked by the club's supporters.

Explains Ray: "QPR rely on a system which involves wearing the opposition down and then hitting them on the break.

"Their supporters soon begin to lose patience, and that gets through to the players. When they played us at Loftus Road recently, I sensed a lot of heads were beginning to drop until they got the lucky late break that beat us."

SPURS BLOW

Bad news for Spurs. Neither DANNY THOMAS nor JOHN CHIEDOZIE is expected to play this season.

Turkey striker Tanju Colak is the most wanted man in his country, with leading clubs Fenarbache and Besiktas ready to pay a king's ransom for the player who insists he wants to stay with unfashionable Sansumspor.

Colak is one of the few players sure of his place in manager Mustapha Denisl's revitalised side.

Another is Erdal Keser, who has had three unsuccessful spells in the Bundesliga, and goalkeeper Fatih.

Ajax boss (but for how long?) Johann Cruyff has hired a former opera singer to help his players conduct proper breathing exercises before matches.

Bournemouth are to make a move for American striker BRENT GOULET, who impressed manager HARRY REDKNAPP during a recent English tour with Seattle Surf.

ARSENAL, seeking to recapture their former glory, dramatically went to the top of the English first division Soccer table yesterday when they grabbed a 1-0 win at Newcastle.

Striker Alan Smith scored Arsenal's winner one minute from the finish to make his club leaders on goal difference from Queen's Park Rangers, who drew 1-1 with a late equaliser at Norwich.

Yet Arsenal remained at the top for only 24 hours, because Liverpool regained the lead when they defeated rivals Everton.

Arsenal's victory came after a second-half drama when their goalkeeper John Lukic saved a 71st-minute penalty from Newcastle midfielder Neil McDonald.

The London club, who last won the championship in their league and FA Cup double winning season of 1970-71, are shaping their challenge under the influence of manager George Graham, who in his first season in charge guided the club to victory in the 1987 League Cup final.

Norwich striker Wayne Biggins gave the home side, 19th in the 21-team division, the lead in the 65th minute, but midfielder Martin Allen rescued Rangers by firing in the equaliser nine minutes from the finish.

Despite the gripping finales at both Newcastle and Norwich, the outstanding encounter of the day was at Old Trafford where Manchester United fought out a 2-2 draw with visitors Nottingham Forest.

United, like Arsenal, have endured a long period without a league championship triumph — the Manchester club last won the title 20 years ago — but under the managership of Scot Alex Ferguson they are hinting at a change of fortune.

But it was Brian Clough's young Forest challengers who struck the first blow in a fluctuating battle when former Everton striker Paul Wilkinson put them ahead after 27 minutes.

United responded stunningly with a two-goal burst in five minutes midway through the second half. England captain Bryan Robson equalised Northern Ireland international Norman Whiteside pushed his side in front.

Forest stay in four place on 27 points with United immediately

Rams booster

Derby defender MICHAEL FORSYTH believes he's a much better player since the arrival of PETER SHILTON at the Baseball Ground.

Says Forsyth: "Peter never stops talking to his defence, telling you what's going on out

of your vision and where you should be to keep the shape of the team.

"I've never known help like it. He gives us confidence and guides us in the right positions. His vision of the game as a whole is quite extraordinary."

below them on 25.

Chelsea improved one place to sixth when they hit back to beat Oxford 2-1 and notch their sixth home victory in seven league games.

Tottenham crumbled 3-0 at home to Wimbledon, underlining the defensive problems that face newly appointed manager Terry Venables.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Professional staff 87-88

| Player and position | Birthplace | MIDFIELDERS | |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|
| GOALKEEPERS | | Paul McStay | Hamilton |
| Pat Bonner | Donegal | Peter Grant | Bellshill |
| Allen McKnight | Belfast | Tommy Burns | Glasgow |
| DEFENDERS | | Billy Stark | Glasgow |
| Chris Morris | Newquay | Tony Shepherd | Glasgow |
| Roy Aitken | Irvine | FORWARDS | |
| Mick McCarthy | Barnsley | Mark McGhee | Glasgow |
| Anton Rogan | Belfast | Andy Walker | Glasgow |
| Paul McGugan | Glasgow | Mark Smith | Bellshill |
| Pierce O'Leary | Dublin | Owen | Greenock |
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